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The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) is the primary Federal program specifically devoted to child care services and quality improvements in the child care arena. CCDF provides approximately \$5 billion in block grants to States, Territories, and Tribes to subsidize the cost of child care for low-income working parents. CCDF funding also helps deliver early and school-age care and education services to more than 1.6 million children in the United States each month, helping increase their school readiness and improve their school performance.

States and Territories have significant flexibility under CCDF to develop child care policies and programs that best suit the needs of children and parents. However, they must also spend at least 4 percent of their CCDF funds to improve the quality of care. States and Territories do this through a variety of activities, such as implementing professional development plans, promoting inclusive child care, and giving grants and loans to providers. In addition, CCDF stipulates that specially targeted funds must be used for quality improvement, school-age care, resource and referral services, and services to infants and toddlers.

In addition, in February 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provided an additional \$2 billion to CCDF, which has helped States, Territories, and Tribes reach more children and families with child care financial assistance, support child care providers to reach higher levels of quality, and offer providers more professional development opportunities.

Purpose of This Report

States and Territories must submit a biennial plan as part of the process of applying for CCDF funds. Lead Agencies submitted CCDF Plans for Fiscal Years (FY) 2010–2011 on July 1, 2009, that were approved to take effect October 1, 2009. The *Child Care and Development Fund Report of State and Territory Plans FY 2010–2011* summarizes CCDF Plans as approved by the Child Care Bureau and provides an overview of efforts planned by States and Territories at the beginning of FY 2010.

Report Development

This report was prepared by the National Child Care Information and Technical Assistance Center (NCCIC) in partnership with staff from the Child Care Bureau. NCCIC compiled data reported in approved CCDF Plans and relevant attachments submitted by Lead Agencies for a selected number of questions.

The information presented reflects some of the activities and strategies States and Territories planned to undertake as presented in the approved CCDF Plans. This report is not a catalog of all activities undertaken by Lead Agencies since States and Territories might not have included all activities in

their CCDF Plans, which also may be amended at any time during the biennial period. In addition, this report includes some text taken directly from CCDF Plans, so certain terminology may differ in particular parts of the report given variations across States and Territories.

Information is provided from 51 States and 5 Territories. For the purpose of this report, the District of Columbia is categorized as a State. The five Territories are American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Nearly all data in the tables and figures present combined information from States and Territories, rather than separate counts for each.

The following abbreviations are used to identify States and Territories:

State/Territory	Abbreviation	State/Territory	Abbreviation
Alabama	AL	Missouri	MO
Alaska	AK	Montana	MT
American Samoa	AS	Nebraska	NE
Arizona	AZ	Nevada	NV
Arkansas	AR	New Hampshire	NH
California	CA	New Jersey	NJ
Colorado	CO	New Mexico	NM
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	CNMI	New York	NY
Connecticut	CT	North Carolina	NC
Delaware	DE	North Dakota	ND
District of Columbia	DC	Ohio	OH
Florida	FL	Oklahoma	OK
Georgia	GA	Oregon	OR
Guam	GU	Pennsylvania	PA
Hawaii	HI	Puerto Rico	PR
Idaho	ID	Rhode Island	RI
Illinois	IL	South Carolina	SC
Indiana	IN	South Dakota	SD
Iowa	IA	Tennessee	TN
Kansas	KS	Texas	TX
Kentucky	KY	Utah	UT
Louisiana	LA	Vermont	VT
Maine	ME	Virgin Islands	VI
Maryland	MD	Virginia	VA
Massachusetts	MA	Washington	WA
Michigan	MI	West Virginia	WV
Minnesota	MN	Wisconsin	WI
Mississippi	MS	Wyoming	WY

Report Format

The report includes two main sections (“Chapter 2: CCDF Plans Data Summary” and “Chapter 3: CCDF State and Territory Profiles”). The second chapter is a summary of selected data from all 56 Lead Agencies about how they comply with CCDF statute and Federal regulations, which corresponds to the CCDF Plan Preprint (Form ACF-118).¹ Information is presented in table and figure format.

The third chapter highlights selected services and activities through profiles of all States and Territories. These profiles present key information from the approved CCDF Plans about how the program is administered and implemented; eligibility criteria, reimbursement rates, and sliding fee scales; health and safety requirements; and selected activities to improve the quality of child care. These profiles provide examples for illustrative purposes as a supplement to the information presented in the second chapter.

An electronic version of the *Child Care and Development Fund Report of State and Territory Plans FY 2010–2011* is available online at <http://nccic.acf.hhs.gov/pubs/stateplan2010-11/index.html>.

¹ The CCDF Plan Preprint and guidance are available on the Child Care Bureau’s Web site at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/law/state_topic_application.htm.

This chapter contains data that highlight selected services and activities as reported by all 56 Lead Agencies in their approved Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plans for Fiscal Years (FY) 2010–2011, which became effective October 1, 2009. Data are expressed in tables and figures, which correspond to questions from parts 1 through 7 of CCDF Plan Preprint. Information covers the following State and Territory activities and services:

- Administering and coordinating CCDF, including types of entities responsible for activities;
- Establishing emergency preparedness and response plans for child care and early childhood programs;
- Making a full range of providers available to all families through grants, contracts, and certificates;
- Establishing eligibility requirements and priorities for services, payment rates, and sliding fee scales;
- Establishing periodic reviews of eligibility for families participating in the CCDF program;
- Funding activities to improve quality, such as providing comprehensive consumer education to parents, professional development opportunities and other activities for the workforce, supporting quality rating and improvement systems, and developing and implementing early learning guidelines; and
- Establishing health and safety requirements and enforcement strategies for providers serving children receiving child care assistance through CCDF.

Table 1 shows which types of agencies are responsible for implementing different types of services, programs, and activities funded through the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). A non-governmental entity is a private or non-profit organization such as Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies.

TABLE 1
Entities Providing CCDF Services

Service/Activity	Lead Agency		Other Governmental Agencies		Nongovernmental Agencies		Combination of Government and Nongovernmental Agencies	
	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory
Determines eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	26	AS, AZ, CNMI, DE, GA, GU, IA, ID, KS, KY, LA, ME, MI, MO, NE, NH, NM, OK, PR, RI, SC, SD, TN, UT, VI, WY	16	AR, CO, DC, MA, MD, MN, MS, NC, ND, NJ, NY, OH, OR, PA, VA, WA	4	CT, IL, MT, WV	10	AK, AL, CA, FL, HI, IN, NV, TX, VT, WI
Determines eligibility for non-TANF families	24	AR, AS, AZ, CNMI, DE, GA, GU, IA, ID, KS, LA, MI, MO, NE, NH, NM, OK, PR, RI, SC, SD, TN, VI, WY	10	CO, IN, MD, MN, NC, ND, NY, OH, VA, WA	8	CT, HI, IL, KY, MS, MT, VT, WV	14	AK, AL, CA, DC, FL, MA, ME, NJ, NV, OR, PA, TX, UT, WI
Assists parents in locating care	7	AS, CNMI, GA, GU, NM, OK, VI	3	ID, MI, NE	31	AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, MD, ME, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NH, OR, RI, SC, SD, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY	15	AK, AL, DC, LA, MA, NJ, NV, NY, OH, PA, PR, TN, TX, UT, VA

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	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory
Makes provider payments	31	AK, AL, AR, AS, AZ, CNMI, CT, DE, GU, IA, ID, KY, LA, ME, MI, MN, MO, MT, NE, NH, NM, OK, OR*, RI, SC, SD, TN, VI, VT, WI, WY	8	CO, DC, MD, NC, ND, NY, OH, WA	8	FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, MS, NV, WV	9	CA, HI, MA, NJ, PA, PR, TX, UT, VA
Implements quality activities	7	AS, CNMI, GU, MD, NM, OK, VI	6	DE, GA, ID, MI, NE, OH	10	AR, CA, IL, ME, MN, ND, NH, RI, SC, SD	33	AK, AL, AZ, CO, CT, DC, FL, HI, IA, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MO, MS, MT, NC, NJ, NV, NY, OR, PA, PR, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY

*In Oregon, the Lead Agency and another government agency, i.e., the Department of Human Services, make the provider payments.

Table 2 shows the current status of Lead Agencies' emergency preparedness and response plans.

TABLE 2 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plans for Child Care and Early Childhood Programs		
Status	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory
Planning	18	AR, AS, CNMI, CT, HI, IA, IL, IN, KY, LA, MT, ND, NJ, NM, NV, SD, UT, VA
Developing	11	AK, CA, CO, DE, GA, MO, OR, RI, SC, WA, WV
Developed	3	FL, MN, MS
Implementing	11	AZ, DC, GU, NC, NE, NH, PR, TN, VI, VT, WI
Other	13	AL, ID, KS, MA, MD, ME, MI, NY, OH, OK, PA, TX, WY

Table 3 illustrates the States and Territories that indicate whether an entity is responsible for ensuring early and school-age care and education coordination occurs, and if so, the type of entity.

TABLE 3 Entities Responsible for Coordination*		
Entity	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory
Interagency coordinating body	36	AK, AR, AZ, CT, DE, FL, GU, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MT, NC, ND, NH, NM, NY, OH, OR, PR, RI, VA, VI, VT, WA, WV
Early childhood advisory council	20	DE, GU, IA, IL, MD, ME, MN, MT, NC, ND, NH, NY, OR, PA, PR, RI, VA, VT, WA, WV
Governors' cabinet/board	12	AZ, CT, FL, KS, LA, MA, ME, MO, NM, NY, OH, VI
CCDF Lead Agency in partnership with one or more State agencies	18	AS, CNMI, CO, DC, FL, IA, MA, MN, NE, NJ, OK, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WI
Public-private partnership	6	GU, HI, MI, OK, SC, WI
Another State agency	5	AL, GA, IA, NV, PA
CCDF Lead Agency alone	2	CA, ID

*Some States indicate that more than one entity is responsible for coordination.

Figure 1 illustrates when States and Territories issue certificates to parents. States and Territories vary in how and when the certificate is issued to parents. Some States and Territories issue the certificate once eligibility is determined and before the child care provider is selected. The other States and Territories require the parent to select a provider before the certificate is issued.

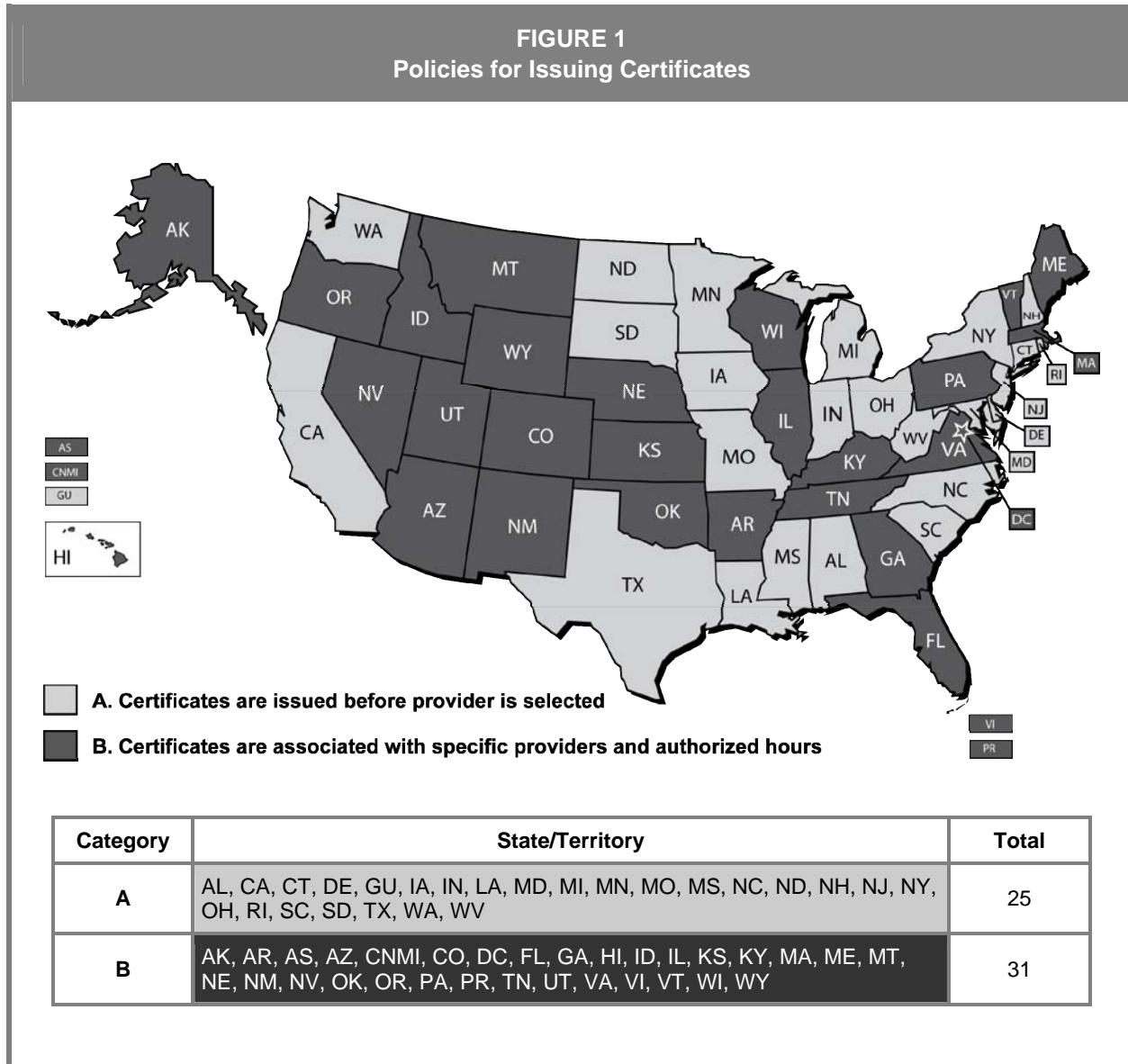


Table 4 illustrates the States and Territories that issue grants and contracts for child care slots.

TABLE 4
Child Care Grant and Contract Policies

Policy	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory
Offers grants or contracts for child care slots	21	CA, CO, DC, GA, GU, HI, IL, KY, MA, ME, MS, NJ, NV, NY, OR, PA, PR, SD, VA, VT, WI
Allows local agencies to negotiate contracts	4	CO, NY, PA, WI
Offers contracts to increase the supply of specific types of care	19	CA, DC, GA, GU, HI, IL, KY, MA, ME, MS, NJ, NV, OR, PA, PR, SD, VA, VT, WI
Wraparound care in Head Start, prekindergarten, or other programs	9	DC, GU, KY, MA, ME, OR, PR, VA, VT
Programs offering services before and after school	7	DC, GU, HI, IL, MA, NV, VT
Programs serving children with special needs	5	HI, IL, MA, OR, VT
Programs that serve specific geographic areas	4	GA, MS, PA, SD
Programs serving infants and toddlers	3	HI, MA, VT
Programs serving families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	3	HI, SD, WI
Programs that provide comprehensive services	3	MA, NJ, WI
Programs that provide higher quality services	2	CA, VT

Table 5 summarizes State and Territory payment rate ceilings for full-time care by age range for licensed, center-based care in the largest urban area.

TABLE 5
Payment Rates for Licensed, Center-based Child Care

State/Territory	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	School Age	Geographic Area
Alabama	\$111.00/week	\$111.00/week	\$102.00/week	\$94.00/week	Rates vary by region. Rates for Birmingham are presented.
Alaska	\$790.00/month	\$700.00/month	\$645.00/month	\$625.00/month	Rates are established for nine geographical regions. Anchorage Region rates are presented.
American Samoa	\$200.00/month	\$180.00/month	\$200.00/month	\$110.00/month	Territory-wide rates are presented.
Arizona	\$30.20/day	\$26.60/day	\$23.80/day	\$23.40/day	Rates vary by district. Rates for District 1 are presented.
Arkansas	\$25.50/day	\$24.50/day	\$21.10/day	\$21.10/day	Rates vary by county. Rates for Pulaski County are presented.
California	\$253.65/week	\$253.65/week	\$182.03/week	\$155.25/week	Rates vary by county. Rates for Los Angeles County are presented.
Colorado	\$36.63/day	\$33.30/day	\$26.68/day	\$26.68/day	Rates vary by county/groups of counties and quality rating. Rates for Denver city and county with no rating are presented.
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	\$300.00/month	\$300.00/month	\$300.00/month	\$250.00/month	Commonwealth-wide rates are presented.
Connecticut	\$227.00/week	\$227.00/week	\$179.00/week	\$162.00/week	Rates vary by region. Southwest Region rates are presented.
Delaware	\$147.50/week	\$124.50/week	\$110.40/week	\$110.40/week	Rates vary by county. Rates for New Castle County are presented.
District of Columbia	\$40.70/day	\$39.83/day	\$29.21/day	\$19.85/day	Rates are districtwide, but vary by tier level.
Florida	\$117.00/week	\$102.00/week	\$93.00/week	\$83.00/week	Rates vary by early learning coalition area. Rates for Miami-Dade/Monroe counties are presented.
Georgia	\$139.00/week	\$129.00/week	\$114.00/week	\$65.00/week	Rates vary by three multicity zones. Rates for Zone 1 are presented.
Guam	\$250.00/week	\$250.00/week	\$250.00/week	\$200.00/week	Territory-wide rates are presented.

TABLE 5
Payment Rates for Licensed, Center-based Child Care

State/Territory	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	School Age	Geographic Area
Hawaii	\$1,395.00/month	\$1,395.00/month	\$675.00/month	\$155.00/month	Statewide rates are presented.
Idaho	\$594.00/month	\$539.00/month	\$492.00/month	\$301.00/month	Rates vary by region. Rates for Region IV are presented.
Illinois	\$40.50/day	\$34.20/day	\$28.50/day	\$14.25/day	Rates vary by groups of counties. Rates for Group 1A are presented.
Indiana	\$218.00/week	\$188.00/week	\$160.00/week	\$87.00/week	Rates vary by county. Rates for Marion County are presented.
Iowa	\$15.81/day	\$15.81/day	\$12.75/day	\$11.48/day	Statewide rates are presented.
Kansas	\$4.48/hour	\$3.85/hour	\$3.12/hour	\$2.98/hour	Rates vary by county. Rates for Douglas County are presented.
Kentucky	\$24.00/day	\$24.00/day	\$21.00/day	\$20.00/day	Rates vary by region and urban/nonurban area. Urban rates for Central Region are presented.
Louisiana	\$18.50/day	\$18.50/day	\$17.50/day	\$17.50/day	Statewide rates are presented.
Maine	\$200.00/week	\$186.00/week	\$167.00/week	\$140.00/week	Rates vary by county. Rates for Cumberland County are presented.
Maryland	\$180.00/week	\$106.85/week	\$106.85/week	\$106.85/week	Rates vary by region. Rates for Region BC are presented.
Massachusetts	\$54.55/day	\$48.40/day	\$36.70/day	\$17.50/day	Rates vary by region. Region 6 rates are presented.
Michigan	\$2.98/hour	\$2.98/hour	\$2.33/hour	\$2.33/hour	Rates vary by shelter area, which include multiple counties. Rates for Shelter Area IV are presented.
Minnesota	\$266.40/week	\$218.94/week	\$198.45/week	\$190.91/week	Rates vary by regional groups of counties. Rates for Hennepin County are presented.
Mississippi	\$78.28/week	\$75.19/week	\$72.10/week	\$71.07/week	Statewide rates are presented.
Missouri	\$27.52/day	\$27.52/day	\$16.07/day	\$15.75/day	Rates vary by groups of core and noncore counties. Rates for Core Counties are presented.

TABLE 5
Payment Rates for Licensed, Center-based Child Care

State/Territory	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	School Age	Geographic Area
Montana	\$33.00/day	\$28.80/day	\$28.80/day	\$28.80/day	Rates vary by resource and referral district. Rates for Billings District are presented.
Nebraska	\$37.50/day	\$31.00/day	\$31.00/day	\$31.00/day	Rates vary by group of counties; for accredited care, rates are statewide. Rates for unaccredited center and family child care home care for Lancaster, Dakota, Douglas, and Sarpy Counties are presented.
Nevada	\$31.00/day	\$28.00/day	\$23.00/day	\$19.00/day	Rates vary by county and groups of rural counties. Rates for Clark County are presented.
New Hampshire	\$187.00/week	\$180.00/week	\$157.00/week	\$120.00/week	Statewide rates are presented.
New Jersey	\$160.60/week	\$160.60/week	\$132.40/week	\$132.40/week	Statewide rates are presented.
New Mexico	\$476.37/month	\$425.72/month	\$395.01/month	\$345.64/month	Rates vary by metro and rural area. Metro rates are presented.
New York	\$370.00/week	\$255.00/week	\$224.00/week	\$185.00/week	Rates vary by groups of counties. Rates for Group E Counties are presented.
North Carolina	\$536.00/month	\$490.00/month	\$477.00/month	\$423.00/month	Rates vary by county and tiered quality level. Rates for one-star child care programs in Mecklenburg County are presented.
North Dakota	\$120.00/week	\$113.00/week	\$108.00/week	\$100.00/week	Statewide rates are presented.
Ohio	\$186.70/week	\$169.74/week	\$148.55/week	\$107.55/week	Rates vary by county. Rates for Cuyahoga County are presented.
Oklahoma	\$15.50/day	\$15.50/day	\$13.50/day	\$11.25/day	Rates vary by geographic area. Rates for one-star enhanced areas are presented.
Oregon	\$900.00/month	\$894.00/month	\$705.00/month	\$698.00/month	Rates vary by zip code group. Rates for Group Area A are presented.
Pennsylvania	\$42.00/day	\$36.00/day	\$33.00/day	\$27.40/day	Rates vary by county. Rates for Philadelphia County are presented.
Puerto Rico	\$259.00/month	\$259.00/month	\$253.00/month	\$124.00/month	Commonwealth-wide rates are presented.

TABLE 5
Payment Rates for Licensed, Center-based Child Care

State/Territory	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	School Age	Geographic Area
Rhode Island	\$188.00/week	\$188.00/week	\$157.00/week	\$142.00/week	Statewide rates are presented.
South Carolina	\$105.00/week	\$105.00/week	\$90.00/week	\$78.00/week	Rates vary by urban and rural areas. Rates for urban areas are presented.
South Dakota	\$3.70/hour	\$3.70/hour	\$3.15/hour	\$2.75/hour	Rates vary by county. Rates for Minnehaha County are presented.
Tennessee	\$132.00/week	\$115.00/week	\$99.00/week	\$75.00/week	Rates vary by Top 21 Counties (highest average populations and incomes), by the other 74 counties, as well as by tiered quality level. The State's basic rates for the Top 21 Counties are presented.
Texas	\$24.72/day	\$21.63/day	\$19.57/day	\$18.54/day	Rates vary by Workforce Development Board. Gulf Coast Board rates are presented.
Utah	\$564.00/month	\$495.00/month	\$450.00/month	\$396.00/month	Statewide rates are presented.
Vermont	\$129.22/week	\$128.15/week	\$114.14/week	\$111.36/week	Statewide rates are presented.
Virgin Islands	\$300.00/month	\$300.00/month	\$300.00/month	\$150.00/month	Territory-wide rates are presented.
Virginia	\$232.00/week	\$224.00/week	\$191.00/week	\$148.00/week	Rates vary by region and county. Rates for Fairfax County/City and Falls Church are presented.
Washington	\$44.38/day	\$37.06/day	\$31.09/day	\$28.00/day	Rates vary by region. Rates for Region 4 are presented.
West Virginia	\$28.00/day	\$24.00/day	\$23.00/day	\$19.00/day	Statewide rates are presented.
Wisconsin	\$232.00/week	\$200.00/week	\$180.00/week	\$175.00/week	Rates vary by county. Rates for Milwaukee County are presented.
Wyoming	\$27.38/day	\$27.00/day	\$24.54/day	\$21.58/day	Statewide rates are presented.

Table 6 summarizes State and Territory payment rate ceilings for full-time care by age range for licensed family child care in the largest urban area.

TABLE 6
Payment Rates for Licensed Family Child Care*

State/Territory	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	School Age	Geographic Area
Alabama	\$89.00/week	\$89.00/week	\$83.00/week	\$84.00/week	Rates vary by region. Rates for Birmingham are presented.
Alaska	\$600.00/month	\$600.00/month	\$530.00/month	\$495.00/month	Rates are established for nine geographical regions. Anchorage Region rates are presented.
American Samoa	\$200.00/month	\$180.00/month	\$200.00/month	\$110.00/month	Territory-wide rates are presented.
Arizona	\$20.00/day	\$20.00/day	\$18.00/day	\$17.00/day	Rates vary by district. Rates for District 1 are presented.
Arkansas	\$23.50/day	\$22.50/day	\$18.70/day	\$17.50/day	Rates vary by county. Rates for Pulaski County are presented.
California	\$183.32/week	\$183.32/week	\$169.99/week	\$151.30/week	Rates vary by county. Rates for Los Angeles County are presented.
Colorado	\$28.14/day	\$25.58/day	\$12.85/hour	\$12.85/hour	Rates vary by county/groups of counties and quality rating. Rates for Denver city and county with no rating are presented.
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	\$300.00/month	\$300.00/month	\$300.00/month	\$250.00/month	Commonwealth-wide rates are presented.
Connecticut	\$173.00/week	\$173.00/week	\$173.00/week	\$162.00/week	Rates vary by region. Southwest Region rates are presented.
Delaware	\$112.50/week	\$107.50/week	\$87.00/week	\$87.00/week	Rates vary by county. Rates for New Castle County are presented.
District of Columbia	\$28.49/day	\$27.14/day	\$22.03/day	\$20.00/day	Rates are districtwide, but vary by tier level.
Florida	\$101.00/week	\$94.50/week	\$83.00/week	\$78.00/week	Rates vary by early learning coalition area. Rates for Miami-Dade/Monroe counties are presented.
Georgia	\$110.00/week	\$100.00/week	\$96.00/week	\$50.00/week	Rates vary by three multicounty zones. Rates for Zone 1 are presented.
Guam	\$250.00/week	\$250.00/week	\$250.00/week	\$200.00/week	Territory-wide rates are presented.
Hawaii	\$650.00/month	\$650.00/month	\$600.00/month	\$155.00/month	Statewide rates are presented.

TABLE 6
Payment Rates for Licensed Family Child Care*

State/Territory	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	School Age	Geographic Area
Idaho	\$505.00/month	\$473.00/month	\$460.00/month	\$301.00/month	Rates vary by region. Rates for Region IV are presented.
Illinois	\$26.60/day	\$25.60/day	\$24.00/day	\$12.00/day	Rates vary by groups of counties. Rates for Group 1A are presented.
Indiana	\$130.00/week	\$125.00/week	\$100.00/week	\$76.00/week	Rates vary by county. Rates for Marion County are presented.
Iowa	\$12.24/day	\$12.24/day	\$11.48/day	\$10.20/day	Statewide rates are presented.
Kansas	\$3.12/hour	\$2.72/hour	\$2.72/hour	\$2.72/hour	Rates vary by county. Rates for Douglas County are presented.
Kentucky	\$21.00/day	\$21.00/day	\$19.00/day	\$18.00/day	Rates vary by region and urban/nonurban area. Urban rates for Central Region are presented.
Louisiana	\$16.00/day	\$16.00/day	\$15.00/day	\$15.00/day	Statewide rates are presented.
Maine	\$150.00/week	\$150.00/week	\$135.00/week	\$125.00/week	Rates vary by county. Rates for Cumberland County are presented.
Maryland	\$134.75/week	\$102.68/week	\$102.68/week	\$102.68/week	Rates vary by region. Rates for Region BC are presented.
Massachusetts	\$31.50/day	\$31.50/day	\$27.85/day	\$27.85/day	Rates vary by region. Region 6 rates are presented.
Michigan	\$2.08/hour	\$2.08/hour	\$2.08/hour	\$2.08/hour	Rates vary by shelter area, which include multiple counties. Rates for Shelter Area IV are presented.
Minnesota	\$167.17/week	\$160.17/week	\$145.60/week	\$134.82/week	Rates vary by regional groups of counties. Rates for Hennepin County are presented.
Mississippi	\$56.65/week	\$54.59/week	\$51.50/week	\$50.47/week	Statewide rates are presented.
Missouri	\$17.20/day	\$17.20/day	\$13.65/day	\$12.60/day	Rates vary by groups of core and noncore counties. Rates for Core Counties are presented.
Montana	\$27.00/day	\$25.00/day	\$25.00/day	\$25.00/day	Rates vary by resource and referral district. Rates for Billings District are presented.

TABLE 6
Payment Rates for Licensed Family Child Care*

State/Territory	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	School Age	Geographic Area
Nebraska	\$26.00/day	\$25.00/day	\$25.00/day	\$25.00/day	Rates vary by group of counties; for accredited care, rates are statewide. Rates for unaccredited center and family child care home care for Lancaster, Dakota, Douglas, and Sarpy Counties are presented.
Nevada	\$30.00/day	\$27.00/day	\$26.00/day	\$23.00/day	Rates vary by county and groups of rural counties. Rates for Clark County are presented.
New Hampshire	\$150.00/week	\$140.00/week	\$130.00/week	\$72.00/week	Statewide rates are presented.
New Jersey	\$142.60/week	\$142.60/week	\$112.00/week	\$112.00/week	Statewide rates are presented.
New Mexico	\$365.20/month	\$325.08/month	\$324.17/month	\$319.28/month	Rates vary by metro and rural area. Metro rates are presented.
New York	\$160.00/week	\$150.00/week	\$150.00/week	\$141.00/week	Rates vary by groups of counties. Rates for Group E Counties are presented.
North Carolina	\$446.00/month	\$423.00/month	\$404.00/month	\$404.00/month	Rates vary by county and tiered quality level. Rates for one-star child care programs in Mecklenburg County are presented.
North Dakota	\$110.00/week	\$100.00/week	\$98.00/week	\$95.00/week	Statewide rates are presented.
Ohio	\$186.70/week	\$169.74/week	\$148.55/week	\$107.55/week	Rates vary by county. Rates for Cuyahoga County are presented.
Oklahoma	\$14.50/day	\$14.50/day	\$12.25/day	\$10.25/day	Rates vary by geographic area. Rates for one-star enhanced areas are presented.
Oregon	\$860.00/month	\$745.00/month	\$688.00/month	\$600.00/month	Rates vary by zip code group. Rates for Group Area A are presented.
Pennsylvania	\$34.00/day	\$30.00/day	\$28.20/day	\$26.00/day	Rates vary by county. Rates for Philadelphia County are presented.
Puerto Rico	\$225.00/month	\$225.00/month	\$214.00/month	\$114.00/month	Commonwealth-wide rates are presented.
Rhode Island	\$155.00/week	\$155.00/week	\$150.00/week	\$142.00/week	Statewide rates are presented.

TABLE 6
Payment Rates for Licensed Family Child Care*

State/Territory	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	School Age	Geographic Area
South Carolina	\$87.00/week	\$87.00/week	\$80.00/week	\$70.00/week	Rates vary by urban and rural areas. Rates for urban areas are presented.
South Dakota	\$2.70/hour	\$2.70/hour	\$2.50/hour	\$2.75/hour	Rates vary by county. Rates for Minnehaha County are presented.
Tennessee	\$100.00/week	\$95.00/week	\$85.00/week	\$75.00/week	Rates vary by Top 21 Counties (highest average populations and incomes), by the other 74 counties, as well as by tiered quality level. The State's basic rates for the Top 21 Counties are presented.
Texas	\$20.60/day	\$18.54/day	\$17.51/day	\$13.39/day	Rates vary by Workforce Development Board. Gulf Coast Board rates are presented.
Utah	\$450.00/month	\$430.00/month	\$420.00/month	\$389.00/month	Statewide rates are presented.
Vermont	\$129.22/week	\$128.15/week	\$114.14/week	\$111.36/week	Statewide rates are presented.
Virgin Islands	\$300.00/month	\$300.00/month	\$300.00/month	\$150.00/month	Territory-wide rates are presented.
Virginia	\$181.00/week	\$175.00/week	\$165.00/week	\$133.00/week	Rates vary by region and county. Rates for Fairfax County/City and Falls Church are presented.
Washington	\$40.04/day	\$34.81/day	\$29.33/day	\$28.16/day	Rates vary by region. Rates for Region 4 are presented.
West Virginia	\$20.00/day	\$20.00/day	\$20.00/day	\$16.00/day	Statewide rates are presented.
Wisconsin	\$190.00/week	\$175.00/week	\$165.00/week	\$155.00/week	Rates vary by county. Rates for Milwaukee County are presented.
Wyoming	\$25.00/day	\$25.00/day	\$22.50/day	\$22.00/day	Statewide rates are presented.

*Alabama, American Samoa, Arizona, Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, and Wisconsin establish separate rates for family child care providers and group-home child care. In Alaska, Connecticut, Georgia, Mississippi, North Dakota, and South Dakota, group-home child care rates are the same as center-based rates. In Vermont and the Virgin Islands, family child care rates are the same as the center-based rates. In addition, some Lead Agencies establish separate rates for license-exempt family child care providers. Others establish additional family child care rates based on tiered quality levels.

Table 7 summarizes the State and Territory payment rate ceilings for full-time care by age range for license-exempt providers in the largest urban area.

TABLE 7
Payment Rates for License-exempt Providers

State/Territory	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	School Age	Geographic Area
Alabama	\$35.00/week	\$35.00/week	\$35.00/week	\$35.00/week	Rates vary by region. Rates for Birmingham are presented.
Alaska	\$518.00/month	\$492.00/month	\$440.00/month	\$430.00/month	Rates are established for nine geographical regions. Anchorage Region rates are presented.
American Samoa	\$200.00/month	\$180.00/month	\$200.00/month	\$110.00/month	Territory-wide rates are presented.
Arizona	\$10.50/day	\$10.50/day	\$10.50/day	\$10.50/day	Rates vary by district. Rates for District 1 are presented.
Arkansas	\$23.50/day	\$22.50/day	\$18.70/day	\$17.50/day	Rates vary by county. Rates for Pulaski County are presented.
California	\$164.99/week	\$164.99/week	\$152.99/week	\$136.17/week	Rates vary by county. Rates for Los Angeles County are presented.
Colorado	\$6.01/hour	\$5.46/hour	\$5.46/hour	\$5.46/hour	Rates vary by county/groups of counties and quality rating. Rates for Denver city and county with no rating are presented.
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	\$300.00/month	\$300.00/month	\$300.00/month	\$250.00/month	Commonwealth-wide rates are presented.
Connecticut	\$89.00/week	\$89.00/week	\$89.00/week	\$89.00/week	Rates vary by region. Southwest Region rates are presented.
Delaware	\$105.00/week	\$100.00/week	\$58.00/week	\$58.00/week	Rates vary by county. Rates for New Castle County are presented.
District of Columbia	\$16.82/day	\$14.33/day	\$14.33/day	\$13.92/day	Rates are districtwide, but vary by tier level.
Florida	\$50.00/week	\$42.00/week	\$41.00/week	\$39.00/week	Rates vary by early learning coalition area. Rates for Miami-Dade/Monroe counties are presented.
Georgia	\$90.00/week	\$85.00/week	\$67.00/week	\$50.00/week	Rates vary by three multicounty zones. Rates for Zone 1 are presented.
Guam	\$250.00/week	\$250.00/week	\$250.00/week	\$200.00/week	Territory-wide rates are presented.
Hawaii	\$500.00/month	\$500.00/month	\$450.00/month	\$60.00/month	Statewide rates are presented.

TABLE 7
Payment Rates for License-exempt Providers

State/Territory	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	School Age	Geographic Area
Idaho	\$489.00/month	\$460.00/month	\$460.00/month	\$301.00/month	Rates vary by region. Rates for Region IV are presented.
Illinois	\$12.75/day	\$12.75/day	\$12.75/day	\$12.75/day	Rates vary by groups of counties. Rates for Group 1A are presented. License-exempt rates are statewide.
Indiana	\$95.00/week	\$89.00/week	\$79.00/week	\$63.00/week	Rates vary by county. Rates for Marion County are presented.
Iowa	\$8.19/day	\$8.19/day	\$7.19/day	\$7.36/day	Statewide rates are presented.
Kansas	\$1.95/hour	\$1.63/hour	\$1.63/hour	\$1.63/hour	Rates vary by county. Rates for Douglas County are presented.
Kentucky	\$13.00/day	\$13.00/day	\$12.00/day	\$11.00/day	Rates vary by region and urban/nonurban area. Urban rates for Central Region are presented.
Louisiana	\$15.50/day	\$15.50/day	\$14.50/day	\$14.50/day	Statewide rates are presented.
Maine	\$105.00/week	\$105.00/week	\$95.00/week	\$88.00/week	Rates vary by county. Rates for Cumberland County are presented.
Maryland	\$65.48/week	\$51.95/week	\$51.95/week	\$51.95/week	Rates vary by region. Rates for Region BC are presented.
Massachusetts	\$15.00/day	\$15.00/day	\$15.00/day	\$15.00/day	Rates vary by region. Region 6 rates are presented.
Michigan	\$1.95/hour	\$1.95/day	\$1.95/hour	\$1.95/hour	Rates vary by shelter area, which include multiple counties. Rates for Shelter Area IV are presented.
Minnesota	\$2.67/hour	\$2.57/hour	\$2.33/hour	\$2.16/hour	Rates vary by regional groups of counties. Rates for Hennepin County are presented.
Mississippi	\$45.32/week	\$43.26/week	\$41.20/week	\$40.17/week	Statewide rates are presented.
Missouri	\$15.00/day	\$15.00/day	\$13.00/day	\$12.00/day	Rates vary by groups of core and noncore counties. Rates for Core Counties are presented.
Montana	\$20.30/day	\$18.80/day	\$18.80/day	\$18.80/day	Rates vary by resource and referral district. Rates for Billings District are presented.
Nebraska	\$15.00/day	\$15.00/day	\$15.00/day	\$15.00/day	Rates vary by group of counties; for accredited care, rates are statewide. Rates for license-exempt family child care home rates for Douglas and Sarpy Counties are presented.

TABLE 7
Payment Rates for License-exempt Providers

State/Territory	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	School Age	Geographic Area
Nevada	\$23.00/day	\$20.00/day	\$19.00/day	\$18.00/day	Rates vary by county and groups of rural counties. Rates for Clark County are presented.
New Hampshire	\$105.00/week	\$98.00/week	\$91.00/week	\$50.40/week	Statewide rates are presented.
New Jersey	\$85.80/week	\$85.80/week	\$67.00/week	\$67.00/week	Statewide rates are presented.
New Mexico	\$278.74/month	\$264.00/month	\$242.00/month	\$242.00/month	Rates vary by metro and rural area. Metro rates are presented.
New York	\$104.00/week	\$98.00/week	\$98.00/week	\$92.00/week	Rates vary by groups of counties. Rates for Group E Counties are presented.
North Carolina	\$223.00/month	\$212.00/month	\$202.00/month	\$202.00/month	Rates vary by county and tiered quality level. Rates for one-star child care programs in Mecklenburg County are presented.
North Dakota	\$110.00/week	\$93.00/week	\$92.00/week	\$90.00/week	Statewide rates are presented.
Ohio	\$86.56/week	\$81.14/week	\$78.40/week	\$69.04/week	Rates vary by county. Rates for Cuyahoga County are presented.
Oklahoma	\$13.05/day	\$13.05/day	\$11.03/day	\$9.23/day	Rates vary by geographic area. Rates for one-star enhanced areas are presented.
Oregon	\$493.00/month	\$466.00/month	\$440.00/month	\$436.00/month	Rates vary by zip code group. Rates for Group Area A are presented.
Pennsylvania	\$15.00/day	\$14.35/day	\$13.31/day	\$15.65/day	Rates vary by county. Rates for Philadelphia County are presented.
Puerto Rico	\$222.00/month	\$222.00/month	\$211.00/month	\$95.00/month	Commonwealth-wide rates are presented.
Rhode Island	\$81.00/week	\$81.00/week	\$54.00/week	\$53.00/week	Statewide rates are presented.
South Carolina	\$82.00/week	\$82.00/week	\$75.00/week	\$65.00/week	Rates vary by urban and rural areas. Rates for urban areas are presented.
South Dakota	\$1.50/hour	\$1.50/hour	\$1.50/hour	\$1.50/hour	Rates vary by county. Rates for Minnehaha County are presented.
Tennessee	\$70.00/week	\$67.00/week	\$60.00/week	\$53.00/week	Rates vary by Top 21 Counties (highest average populations and incomes), by the other 74 counties, as well as by tiered quality level. The State's basic rates for the Top 21 Counties are presented.

TABLE 7
Payment Rates for License-exempt Providers

State/Territory	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	School Age	Geographic Area
Texas	\$15.17/day	\$13.19/day	\$11.30/day	\$9.42/day	Rates vary by Workforce Development Board. Gulf Coast Board rates are presented.
Utah	\$340.00/month	\$304.00/month	\$288.00/month	\$276.00/month	Statewide rates are presented.
Vermont	\$16.03/day	\$16.03/day	\$13.39/day	\$13.39/day	Statewide rates are presented.
Virgin Islands	\$300.00/month	\$300.00/month	\$300.00/month	\$150.00/month	Territory-wide rates are presented.
Virginia	\$153.00/week	\$148.00/week	\$145.00/week	\$133.00/week	Rates vary by region and county. Rates for Fairfax County/City and Falls Church are presented.
Washington	\$2.20/hour	\$2.20/hour	\$2.20/hour	\$2.20/hour	Rates vary by region. Rates for Region 4 are presented.
West Virginia	\$7.50/day	\$6.00/day	\$6.00/day	\$6.00/day	Statewide rates are presented.
Wisconsin	\$4.07/hour	\$3.75/hour	\$3.54/hour	\$3.32/hour	Rates vary by county. Rates for Milwaukee County are presented.
Wyoming	\$1.75/hour	\$1.75/hour	\$1.75/hour	\$1.75/hour	Statewide rates are presented.

Table 8 shows the States and Territories that use the current Market Rate Survey (MRS) to establish rates, have tiered rates, and allow providers to charge more than the payment rate. It also shows payment rates as they compare to current MRS. Nineteen States and Territories use their current MRS to set rates. Forty-three States and Territories have tiered reimbursement rates. Of those, 34 have such rates for higher quality care, 26 have rates for special needs care, 10 have rates for nontraditional care, 6 have rates for infant care, and 4 have rates for other types of care. In addition, 44 States and Territories allow providers to charge parents the difference between reimbursement rates and their fees.

TABLE 8
State and Territory Payment Rate Policies*

State/Territory	Current MRS Used to Establish Rates	Payment Rate Ceilings as a Percentile of Current MRS	Tiered/Differential Rate	Providers Allowed to Charge Parents the Difference
Alabama	Yes	12th percentile to 51st percentile		Yes
Alaska	No	28th percentile to 52nd percentile	Special needs	Yes
American Samoa	Yes	25th percentile		Yes
Arizona	No	Current maximum rates are approximately 72% of the 2008 MRS	Higher quality	Yes
Arkansas	Yes	75th percentile	Nontraditional hours, special needs, and infant	Yes
California	No	85th percentile of the 2005 MRS		Yes
Colorado**	No	75th percentile		No
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	Yes	100th percentile		Yes
Connecticut	No	13th percentile to 89th percentile	Higher quality and special needs	Yes
Delaware	No	60th percentile to 75th percentile for child care homes; and 50th percentile to 73rd percentile for centers		Yes
District of Columbia	No	8th percentile to 67th percentile	Higher quality	No
Florida	Yes	75th percentile	Higher quality and special needs	Yes
Georgia	No	42nd percentile to 50th percentile of current MRS	Special needs and other	Yes
Guam	Yes	75th percentile to 100th percentile	Higher quality and special needs	Yes
Hawaii	No	Rates are set as close as possible to the 75th percentile of the market rate for type of care	Higher quality	Yes
Idaho	No	48th percentile to 52nd percentile		Yes

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State/Territory	Current MRS Used to Establish Rates	Payment Rate Ceilings as a Percentile of Current MRS	Tiered/ Differential Rate	Providers Allowed to Charge Parents the Difference
Illinois	Yes	22nd percentile to 87th percentile	Higher quality and infant	Yes
Indiana	Yes	72nd percentile	Higher quality	Yes
Iowa	No	45th percentile to 62nd percentile	Higher quality, special needs, and infant	No
Kansas	No	Rates are at or less than the 51st percentile	Special needs	Yes
Kentucky	No	39th percentile to 76th percentile	Higher quality, nontraditional hours, and special needs	Yes
Louisiana**	Yes	Rates for infants, toddlers, and children age 3 and older in Class A centers, family child care homes, and inhome care are less than the 75th percentile; rates for children age 3 and older in school-age care are greater than the 75th percentile	Special needs and infant	Yes
Maine	No	75th percentile of the 2006 MRS	Higher quality and nontraditional hours	No
Maryland	No	19th percentile to 28th percentile	Higher quality	Yes
Massachusetts	Yes	35th percentile to 55th percentile for family child care; 20th percentile to 75th percentile for centers	Higher quality	No
Michigan	No	Ranges between 0 to the 79th percentile; the overall average is the 28th percentile	Infant	Yes
Minnesota	No	39th percentile to 48th percentile	Higher quality, nontraditional hours, and special needs	Yes
Mississippi	No	36th percentile to 75th percentile	Higher quality and special needs	Yes
Missouri	Yes	30th percentile to 33rd percentile	Higher quality, nontraditional hours, special needs, and other	Yes
Montana	Yes	75th percentile	Higher quality and special needs	Yes
Nebraska	Yes	60th percentile	Higher quality and special needs	No

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State and Territory Payment Rate Policies*

State/Territory	Current MRS Used to Establish Rates	Payment Rate Ceilings as a Percentile of Current MRS	Tiered/ Differential Rate	Providers Allowed to Charge Parents the Difference
Nevada	No	30th percentile to 49th percentile	Higher quality	Yes
New Hampshire	Yes	50th percentile	Higher quality, special needs, and other	Yes
New Jersey	No	10th percentile to 50th percentile	Higher quality	Yes
New Mexico	No	Approximately 35% less than the average market rate for a 1-Star child care provider; 13% less than the average market rate for a 5-Star child care provider	Higher quality and nontraditional hours	No
New York	Yes	75th percentile	Higher quality, nontraditional hours, and special needs	Yes
North Carolina	No	Some rates are greater than and some are less than the 75th percentile	Higher quality	Yes
North Dakota	No	75th percentile to 100th percentile		Yes
Ohio	No	51st percentile	Higher quality, nontraditional hours, and special needs	No
Oklahoma	Yes	54th percentile to 80th percentile for 2 star enhanced centers/homes; 38th percentile to the 75th percentile for 3 star enhanced centers; 68th percentile to 87th percentile for 2 star standard centers/homes; and 100th percentile for 3 star standard centers	Higher quality and special needs	No
Oregon	No	68th percentile	Higher quality and special needs	Yes
Pennsylvania	No	60th percentile to 72nd percentile for centers, 50th percentile to 55th percentile for group or family care, and 40th percentile for school-age care	Higher quality and nontraditional hours	Yes
Puerto Rico	No	75th percentile		Yes
Rhode Island	No	17th percentile to 67th percentile for licensed centers; 42nd percentile to 76th percentile for certified child care homes		No
South Carolina	No	45th percentile to greater than the 85th percentile for high-quality care; 40th percentile to 75th percentile for standard care	Higher quality	Yes

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State and Territory Payment Rate Policies*

State/Territory	Current MRS Used to Establish Rates	Payment Rate Ceilings as a Percentile of Current MRS	Tiered/ Differential Rate	Providers Allowed to Charge Parents the Difference
South Dakota	Yes	75th percentile	Special needs and infant	Yes
Tennessee	No	Provider reimbursement rates for providers in the Top 21 counties range between the 31st percentile to 52nd percentile of the market; the remaining 74 county rates range between the 23rd percentile to 76th percentile	Higher quality	Yes
Texas	No	10 boards range between the 90th percentile to the 100th percentile; 12 boards range from the 80th percentile to the 89th percentile; 6 boards range from the 66th percentile to the 79th percentile	Higher quality	Yes
Utah	No	27th percentile to 50th percentile for centers; the 40th percentile to 50th percentile for family child care		Yes
Vermont	No	40th percentile to 70th percentile when compared to the 75th percentile for each type of care in each region	Higher quality and special needs	Yes
Virgin Islands	No	85th percentile		Yes
Virginia	No	25th percentile to 40th percentile for level 2 centers/family care; 10th percentile to 25th percentile for level 1 centers/family care	Special needs	Yes
Washington	No	The average percentage of the market across centers and homes is 37.5%	Special needs and other	No
West Virginia	Yes	Rates for children younger than 5 are at the 70th percentile to 75th percentile; rates for children older than 5 are at the 45th percentile to 50th percentile	Higher quality, nontraditional hours, and special needs	No
Wisconsin	No	75th percentile for licensed group centers and licensed family homes statewide based on the 2005 MRS	Higher quality and special needs	Yes
Wyoming	Yes	75th percentile		Yes

*Alabama, American Samoa, California, Colorado, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Delaware, Idaho, North Dakota, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Utah, Virgin Islands, and Wyoming do not have a tiered differential rate.

**In Colorado, the State uses the current MRS to set recommended guidelines for use by counties and does not set the payment rates. Counties also may use tiered reimbursement rate systems to promote higher quality. Two counties (Adams and Denver) currently use tiered systems. In Louisiana, providers caring for children in protective services are not allowed to charge more than the payment rate.

Table 9 shows the income eligibility limit for a family of three in relation to the State Median Income (SMI).

TABLE 9
Income Eligibility Limits, Family of Three*

State/Territory	85% of SMI	Lower Than 85% of SMI If Used to Limit Eligibility	Limit as a Percentage of SMI	SMI Year Used	Tiered Eligibility System
Alabama	\$3,588.00	\$1,984.00	47%	2009	Yes
Alaska	\$4,263.00	\$3,853.00	77%	2002	No
American Samoa	\$3,927.00	Not applicable	Not applicable	2004	No
Arizona	\$3,978.00	\$2,518.00	54%	2010	No
Arkansas	\$3,205.00	\$2,262.00	60%	2007	No
California	\$4,272.00	\$3,769.00	75%	2007	No
Colorado	\$4,509.00	Not applicable	Not applicable	2009	No
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	\$1,499.00	\$1,383.00	78%	Not available	No
Connecticut	\$5,813.00	\$3,419.00	50%	2009	Yes
Delaware	\$4,743.00	\$3,052.00	55%	2010	No
District of Columbia	\$4,258.47	\$3,814.58	76%	2009	Yes
Florida	\$3,869.00	\$2,289.00	50%	2009	Yes
Georgia	\$3,969.00	\$2,213.00	47%	2009	No
Guam	\$4,014.00	\$2,674.00	Not applicable	Not available	No
Hawaii	\$3,927.00	Not applicable	Not applicable	2004	No
Idaho	\$3,603.32	\$1,932.00	46%	2010	No
Illinois	\$4,306.00	\$3,052.00	60%	2008	No
Indiana	\$4,033.00	\$1,938.00	41%	2009	Yes
Iowa	\$4,223.00	\$2,213.00	45%	2010	No
Kansas	\$4,040.00	\$2,823.00	59%	2009	No
Kentucky	\$3,273.00	\$2,289.00	59%	2008	Yes
Louisiana	\$3,579.00	\$3,158.00	75%	2009	No
Maine	\$3,983.00	\$3,814.58	81%	2010	No
Maryland	\$4,249.00	\$2,499.00	50%	2001	No
Massachusetts	\$5,554.00	\$3,267.00	50%	2009	Yes
Michigan	\$4,471.00	\$1,990.00	38%	2010	No
Minnesota	\$4,965.00	\$2,745.00	47%	2009	Yes
Mississippi	\$2,917.00	Not applicable	Not applicable	2004	No
Missouri	\$3,983.00	\$1,885.00	40%	2010	Yes

TABLE 9
Income Eligibility Limits, Family of Three*

State/Territory	85% of SMI	Lower Than 85% of SMI If Used to Limit Eligibility	Limit as a Percentage of SMI	SMI Year Used	Tiered Eligibility System
Montana	\$3,604.00	\$2,289.00	54%	2009	No
Nebraska	\$4,157.00	\$1,813.00	37%	2010	No
Nevada	\$4,084.00	\$3,604.00	75%	2010	No
New Hampshire	\$5,200.00	\$3,815.00	62%	2009	No
New Jersey	\$5,619.00	\$3,052.00	46%	2009	Yes
New Mexico	\$3,295.88	\$3,051.67	79%	2009	No
New York	\$4,645.00	\$3,052.00	56%	2010	No
North Carolina	\$3,539.00	\$3,123.00	75%	2008	No
North Dakota	\$3,567.00	\$2,463.00	59%	2008	No
Ohio	\$4,228.00	\$2,934.00	59%	2010	No
Oklahoma	\$3,162.00	\$2,925.00	79%	2008	No
Oregon	\$3,686.00	\$2,823.00	65%	2008	No
Pennsylvania	\$4,407.28	\$3,052.00	59%	2009	Yes
Puerto Rico	\$1,279.00	Not available	Not applicable	2006	No
Rhode Island	\$4,829.00	\$2,747.00	50%	2009	No
South Carolina	\$3,550.00	\$2,289.00	55%	2009	Yes
South Dakota	\$3,779.00	\$3,052.00	69%	2009	No
Tennessee	\$3,664.00	\$2,587.00	60%	2009	No
Texas**	\$3,710.00	\$2,289.00	55%	2010	Yes
Utah	\$3,895.00	\$2,566.00	56%	2010	Yes
Vermont	\$3,046.00	\$2,957.00	83%	2000	No
Virgin Islands	\$1,800.09	Not Available	Not applicable	Not available	No
Virginia**	\$4,874.00	\$3,815.00	67%	2010	No
Washington	\$4,621.00	\$3,052.00	56%	2010	No
West Virginia	\$3,327.00	\$2,289.00	59%	2009	Yes
Wisconsin	\$4,228.00	\$2,823.00	57%	2008	Yes
Wyoming	\$4,331.00	\$3,815.00	75%	2010	No

*For illustrative purposes, the maximum income eligibility limit for a family of three is presented. Territories use other data sources to establish income eligibility: AS uses Hawaii's SMI; CNMI uses the 2006 HHS Poverty Guidelines; and GU uses the 2009 HHS Poverty Guidelines. Information about the data source used by PR and VI is not available.

**In Texas, income eligibility varies by locality and type of applicant (e.g., basic eligibility, transitional, extended year, and teen parent applicants). In addition, Texas income limits represent those for the Gulf Coast Workforce Board. Virginia's income limits vary by locality and represent those for Alexandria and Fairfax County.

Table 10 shows the States and Territories that serve all eligible applicants and those that maintain waiting lists.

TABLE 10
Serving Eligible Applicants*

Policy	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory
Serves all who apply	31	AK, CNMI, DC, DE, GU, HI, IA, ID, IL, KS, KY, LA, MD**, MI, MO, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, OH, OK, OR, RI, SD, UT, VT, WA**, WI, WV, WY
Maintains an active waiting list	22	AL, AR, AS, AZ, CA, CT, FL, GA, IN, MA, ME, MN, MS, NC, NJ, NV, PA, PR, TX, VA, VI, WA**
For all families	9	AR, CA, CT, IN, ME, MN, NC, NJ, TX
For some families	14	AL, AS, AZ, FL, GA, MA, MD**, MS, NV, PA, PR, VA, VI, WA**
Families at risk of becoming dependent on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	10	AL, AZ, FL, GA, MA, MS, PA, PR, VA, VI
Families with very low incomes	10	AL, AS, AZ, FL, GA, MS, PA, PR, VA, VI
Families with children who have special needs	8	AL, AS, AZ, FL, MS, PA, VA, VI
Teen parents	8	AL, AS, FL, MA, MS, PA, PR, VA
Families transitioning off TANF	4	FL, PR, VA, VI
Families receiving TANF	1	PR

*New York, South Carolina, and Tennessee do not serve all families and do not maintain waiting lists. Colorado does not serve all families, and waiting lists are implemented and managed at county level when necessary.

**Maryland serves all eligible families and has a process in place to maintain a waiting list. Washington serves all eligible families and only maintains a waiting list for the Seasonal Child Care program.

Table 11 provides a summary of sliding fee scales submitted in Child Care and Development Fund Plans for Fiscal Years 2010–2011.

TABLE 11
Sliding Fee Scales for Family of Three for Full-time Care*

State/Territory Name	Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Notes
Alabama	\$8.00/week	\$23.00/week	\$23.00/week for second child	Parental fee is per child.
Alaska	\$13.00/month	\$766.00/month	\$766.00/month	Parental fee is per family
American Samoa	No fee	No fee	No fee	Co-payments are waived for all families because all families served are below poverty level.
Arizona	\$1.00/day	\$10.00/day	\$10.00/day for second child	Parental fee is per child. For families receiving Transitional Child Care, there is no co-pay assigned beyond the third child in the family
Arkansas	No fee	80% of provider fee	80% of provider fee	Parental fee is per child.
California	\$2.00/day	\$17.25/day	\$17.25/day	Parental fee is per family.
Colorado	\$7.00/month	\$483.00/month	The fee is increased by \$40.00 for each additional child in care	Parental fee is per family.
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	10% of cost of care	20% of cost of care	20% of cost of care	Parental fee is per child.
Connecticut	2% of gross income	10% of gross income	10% of gross income	Parental fee is per family.
Delaware	1% of the cost of care	80% of the cost of care	80% of the cost of care	Parental fee is per child.
District of Columbia	No fee	\$13.08/day	\$9.81 for second child/no fee for additional children	Parental fee is per child for the first two children.
Florida	\$0.80/day	\$11.20/day	Second and all additional children pay a reduced fee	Parental fee is per child. Parental fees vary by early learning coalition. Sliding fee scale for Miami-Dade/Monroe counties is presented.
Georgia	No fee	\$44.00 family fee for one child	\$55.00 family fee for two children	Family co-payments are based on the family's gross annual income, family size, and the number of children actually receiving subsidized care. The parental fee is per family. Fee is capped after the sixth child.
Guam	No fee	50% of cost of care	50% of cost of care	Parental fee is per child.
Hawaii	No fee	20% of payment rate	20% of payment rate	Parental fee is based on reimbursement rate per child.

TABLE 11
Sliding Fee Scales for Family of Three for Full-time Care*

State/Territory Name	Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Notes
Idaho	7% of allowable child care cost	96% of allowable child care cost	96% of allowable child care cost	Parental fee is per child.
Illinois	\$1.00/month	\$137.00/month	\$138.00/month	Parental fee is per family. Maximum fee increases for each additional child.
Indiana	No fee	7% of income	7% of income	Parental fee is per family. Family fee will increase by 1% per year of participation not to exceed 15%.
Iowa	No fee	\$3.45/half-unit	\$3.70/half-unit	Parental fee is per family.
Kansas	No fee	\$243.00/month	\$243.00/month	Parental fee is per family.
Kentucky	No fee	\$11.00/day	\$12.00/day for two or more children	Parental fee is per family and increases for families with two or more children.
Louisiana	20% of cost of care	60% of cost of care	60% of cost of care	Parental fee is per child.
Maine	2% of weekly gross income	10% of weekly gross income	10% of weekly gross income	Parental fee is per family. The total amount of fees assessed to a family for all of its children shall not exceed 10% of the family's gross income.
Maryland	1% of total gross annual income	16% of total gross annual income	12% of total gross annual income for second and third child	Parental fee is per child. There are no additional fees for more children beyond the third child.
Massachusetts	No fee	\$95.00/week	Families pay a discounted fee for each additional child	Parental fee is per child.
Michigan	5% of payment rate	30% of payment rate	30% of payment rate	Parental fee is per child.
Minnesota	No fee	\$65.00/biweekly	\$65.00/biweekly	Parental fee is per family.
Mississippi	\$10.00/month	\$212.00/month	\$222.00/month for two or more children	Children in foster care or protective services and children receiving Social Security Income benefits should be assessed a co-pay of \$10.00 per month. Parental fee is per family.
Missouri	\$1.00/year	\$5.00/day	\$5.00/day for second child	Parental fee is per child.
Montana	\$10.00 or 1% of the gross monthly income	\$227.00 or 9.90% of the gross monthly income	\$227.00 or 9.90% of the gross monthly income	Parental fee is per family.

TABLE 11
Sliding Fee Scales for Family of Three for Full-time Care*

State/Territory Name	Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Notes
Nebraska	\$61.00/month	\$83.00/month	\$166.00/month maximum for second child	Parental fee is per family and increases with each additional child in care up to a maximum of seven children.
Nevada	5% of payment rate	80% of payment rate	80% of payment rate	Parental fee is per child.
New Hampshire	1% of family income	20% of family income	20% of family income	The family fee is based on percent of family income regardless of family size and the number of children in care. Parental fee is per family.
New Jersey	No fee	\$37.76/week	75% of full-time monthly fee is applied for additional children	Parental fee is per child.
New Mexico	No fee	\$254.00/month	Co-payment for the second child is one-half of the co-pay for the first child	Parental fee is per child.
New York	35% of excess family income	35% of excess family income	35% of excess family income	The sliding fee scale varies by locality and local social services district. Fee percentage for New York City is presented.
North Carolina	10% of gross monthly income	10% of gross monthly income	10% of gross monthly income	Parental fee is per family. The fee is usually based on the care provided to the youngest child in the family.
North Dakota	20% of payment rate up to \$42.00/month	80% of payment rate up to \$365.00/month	80% of payment rate up to \$365.00/month	The parental fee is determined as a percentage of the payment rate. There is also a family cap payment. The family pays the lesser of the two amounts. Parental fee is per family.
Ohio	\$1.00/month	\$260.00/month	\$260.00/month	Parental fee is per family.
Oklahoma	No fee	\$189.00/month	\$263.00/month for second child	Parental fee is per family and increases depending on the number of children in care.
Oregon	\$25.00/month	\$500.00/month	\$500.00/month	Parental fee is per family.
Pennsylvania	\$5.00/week	\$65.00/week	\$65.00/week	Parental fee is per family.
Puerto Rico	\$36.00/month	\$48.00/month	A 50% discount is applied for the second child; a 25% discount is applied for the third child	Parental fee is per child and is discounted for additional children.
Rhode Island	No fee	8% of family income	8% of family income	Parental fee is per family.
South Carolina	\$6.00/week	\$17.00/week	\$17.00/week for second child	Parental fee is per child.

TABLE 11
Sliding Fee Scales for Family of Three for Full-time Care*

State/Territory Name	Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Notes
South Dakota	No fee	\$229.00/month or 7.5% of family's income	\$229.00/month or 7.5% of family's income	All gross income is adjusted with a 4% disregard. Co-payments are graduated and capped not to exceed 7.5%. Parental fee is per family.
Tennessee	\$1.00/week	\$52.00/week	\$91.00/week for two children	Parental fee is per child.
Texas	11% of income	11% of income	13% of income for two or more children	Parental fee is per family. The Gulf Coast Workforce Board sliding fee scale is presented. Parent fees may be reduced for families who have seven or more members, children who are school age, or children attending the provider part time. Reductions may be applied for extenuating circumstances. Fees may be increased by 1% each year after the first 2 years.
Utah	\$1.00/month	\$218.00/month	\$240.00/month for second child	Parental fee is per family.
Vermont	No fee	90% of payment rate	90% of payment rate	Parental fee is per child.
Virgin Islands	No fee	\$10.00/week	\$10.00/week	Parental fee is per family.
Virginia	2.5% of gross countable income	10.5% of gross countable income	11% for second child	Parental fee is per family. Sliding fee scale varies by locality. The Fairfax County fee scale is presented. There is a minimum fee of \$30.10/month; \$7.00/week.
Washington	\$15.00/month	\$50.00/month plus 44% of the difference between family income and 137.50% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines	\$50.00/month plus 44% of the difference between family income and 137.50% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines	Parental fee is per family.
West Virginia	No fee	\$2.50/day	\$2.50/day for second child	Parental fee is per child.
Wisconsin	\$6.00/week	\$64.00/week	\$80.00/week for two children in care	Parental fee is per family. It increases based on the number of children in care up to a maximum fee for five children.
Wyoming	\$0.05/hour	\$0.65/hour	\$1.30/hour for two children	Parental fee is per child.

*For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented.

Table 12 illustrates which States and Territories have policies to waive fees.

TABLE 12
Sliding Fee Waiver Policies

Policy	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory
Waives fee for all families with incomes at or below the poverty level	16	AR, AS, CA, GU, HI, IA, IN, KY, MA, NE, NJ, PR, RI, SD, VI, VT
Does not waive fees for families, including those with incomes at or below the poverty level	5	CNMI, IL, ME, NH, WY
Waives fees for some families with incomes at or below the poverty level	35	AK, AL, AZ, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, ID, KS, LA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WI, WV
Families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	22	AK, AZ, CO, CT, DE, GA, ID, KS, LA, MD, MI, MS, ND, NV, NY, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA
Children in protective services on a case-by-case basis	13	AL, DE, GA, LA, MI, MO, MT, NM, NV, OH, OK, TX, WA
Teen parents	5	CO, DE, GA, ND, OR
Children in foster care	4	MI, OK, SC, WI
Families who are homeless	2	FL, WA
Families receiving Food Stamps	1	WI
Families transitioning off TANF	1	UT

Figure 2 shows the maximum eligibility length for which child care services are authorized for the majority of clients. In some States and Territories, typical periods of eligibility vary for different types of families/clients, ranging from 3 to 12 months.

FIGURE 2
Maximum Length of Eligibility for State and Territory Child Care Services*

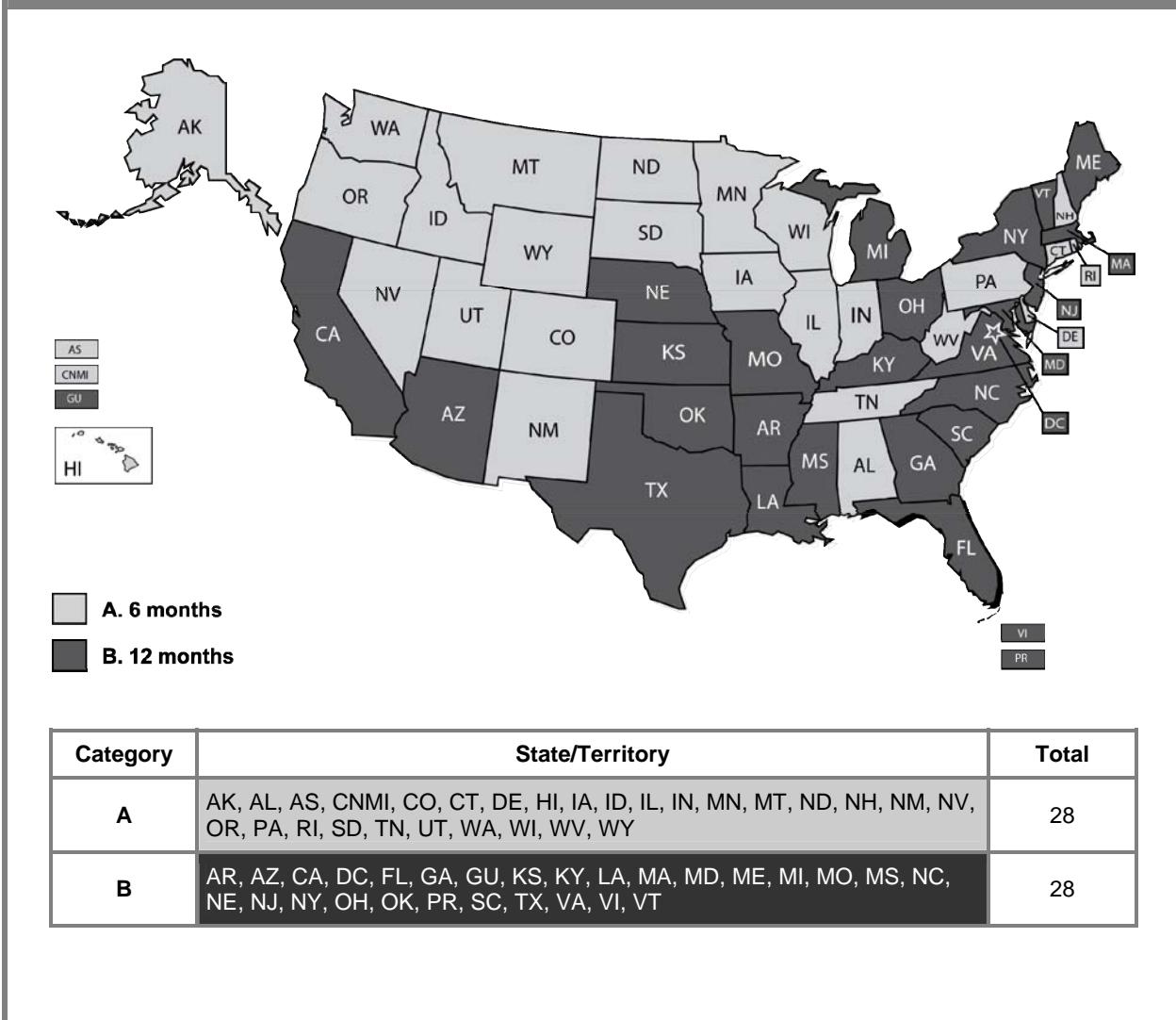


Table 13 shows how States and Territories use infant and toddler targeted funds.

TABLE 13
Infant and Toddler Targeted Funds

Activity	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory
Provides specialized training for infant and toddler caregivers	54	AK, AL, AR, AS, AZ, CA, CNMI, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
Provides technical assistance to infant and toddler providers	37	AK, AL, AR, CA, CNMI, CO, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, ME, MI, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OK, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, WA, WV
Funds infant and toddler specialist or health consultant positions	25	AS, CA, CO, CT, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, ME, MI, MN, NC, ND, NE, NJ, OH, OK, PA, TN, UT, VA, VI, WA, WV
Offers financial incentives for quality improvement	25	AK, AZ, CA, DC, DE, IA, ID, IL, IN, LA, MN, MO, MT, NC, NE, NH, NM, NV, OR, SD, TX, VI, VT, WI, WV
Supports use of the Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale or the Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale – Revised to assess program quality	17	AK, CNMI, DC, DE, ID, LA, NC, ND, NE, OK, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WV
Provides grants for quality improvement	14	AR, AZ, CA, DC, GU, IL, ME, MN, MT, ND, NV, PR, UT, VI
Offers train-the-trainer sessions	12	AK, CA, CO, IA, MT, NC, ND, NH, OR, SD, TN, WV
Funds infant and toddler initiatives	7	CO, GA, IA, IN, ND, NJ, NY
Provides grants to support start up or expansion of infant and toddler care	5	AR, DC, MD, NV, RI
Contracts directly with programs to provide infant and toddler care	4	AZ, FL, HI, MA
Engages in planning efforts related to infant and toddler care	3	LA, NH, TN

Table 14 shows how States and Territories use school-age targeted funds.

TABLE 14
School-age Targeted Funds

Activity	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory
Provides specialized training for school-age caregivers	43	AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, DE, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, KS, KY, LA, MA, ME, MN, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, VI, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
Provides technical assistance to school-age providers	30	AK, AR, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, UT, VI, VT, WA, WI
Engages in planning related to school-age care	18	AK, AR, AZ, CNMI, CO, DC, DE, LA, MA, ME, NE, NJ, NV, NY, OK, TX, UT, WA
Provides grants for quality improvement	17	AK, AL, AR, CA, DE, GA, GU, IA, IL, MA, MN, MO, NJ, VA, VI, VT, WA
Provides financial incentives for school-age care providers	10	AK, CA, GU, MA, NM, OK, PA, TX, VT, WI
Provides grants to support start up or expansion of school-age care	9	AL, AR, DE, IA, MN, NH, SD, UT, VI
Funds school-age specialist positions	6	NC, OH, OK, RI, SD, VT
Supports use of the School-age Care Environment Rating Scale to assess and improve program quality	6	AK, DE, ID, KY, OK, PA
Contracts directly with programs to provide school-age care	4	GU, HI, KS, MS

Table 15 shows Lead Agencies' activities to improve the availability and quality of child care. More detailed information about these activities is provided in Tables 16-21.

TABLE 15
Lead Agency Activities to Improve the Availability and Quality of Child Care

Activity	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory
Promotes inclusive child care	56	AK, AL, AR, AS, AZ, CA, CNMI, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
Provides comprehensive consumer education	56	AK, AL, AR, AS, AZ, CA, CNMI, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
Provides professional development activities, including training, education, and technical assistance	56	AK, AL, AR, AS, AZ, CA, CNMI, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
Supports early language, literacy, prereading, and math concepts development	54	AK, AL, AR, AS, AZ, CA, CNMI, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
Implements activities that increase parental choice and improve the quality and availability of child care	53	AK, AL, AS, AZ, CA, CNMI, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI, WY
Implements Healthy Child Care America and other health activities	53	AK, AL, AR, AS, AZ, CA, CNMI, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GU, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI, WV
Monitors compliance with licensing and regulatory requirements	53	AK, AL, AR, AS, AZ, CA, CNMI, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, HI, IA, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
Improves salaries and other compensation for child care practitioners	47	AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CNMI, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MT, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, TX, UT, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
Supports a quality rating and improvement system	47	AK, AR, AS, AZ, CNMI, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GU, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, VI, VT, WA, WV
Offers providers grants or loans to help them meet local standards	44	AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CNMI, CO, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, ID, IL, IN, KS, MA, MD, ME, MN, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, SD, UT, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI, WV

Table 16 shows the States and Territories that use Child Care and Development Fund monies to educate child care consumers.

TABLE 16
Comprehensive Consumer Education Activities

Activity	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory
Provides comprehensive consumer education	56	AK, AL, AR, AS, AZ, CA, CNMI, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
Engages in a public awareness campaign	24	AK, AR, AZ, CNMI, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, KY, MT, NE, NJ, NY, OR, PA, RI, SD, TN, VA, VI, WI
Plans or implements a quality rating and improvement system	14	IN, LA, MD, ME, MN, MT, NH, NM, OH, PA, RI, TN, VA, VT
Translates outreach/education materials into other languages	10	AR, CA, DC, GA, MA, MD, MI, MN, OK, RI

Table 17 shows the States and Territories that use Child Care and Development Fund monies to award grants and loans to providers.

TABLE 17
Provider Grant or Loan Activities

Activity	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory
Offers providers grants or loans to help them meet local standards	44	AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CNMI, CO, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, ID, IL, IN, KS, MA, MD, ME, MN, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, SD, UT, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI, WV
Awards grants for child care quality improvement	26	AK, AL, AR, CA, CNMI, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MD, MN, MO, MT, ND, NE, NY, OH, PA, SC, SD, UT, VA, WA, WV
Awards grants to help providers comply with health and safety standards	18	AR, AZ, CA, CNMI, CO, FL, GU, MD, ME, MT, NE, NY, PR, SD, VA, VI, VT, WV
Awards grants for child care program start up or expansion of services	16	AK, AR, CO, DC, DE, FL, MN, ND, NE, NY, OR, RI, SD, UT, VI, WA
Offers funds to providers pursuing program accreditation	15	AK, AL, AR, AZ, DC, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, MT, NE, NY, UT, VT
Provides loans for child care program start up or expansion of services	8	AR, CO, KS, NH, NM, RI, VA, WA

TABLE 17
Provider Grant or Loan Activities

Activity	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory
Awards grants to programs for quality rating and improvement system level advancement	4	MN, NM, PA, VT
Provides funds for community planning	1	PA

Table 18 shows the States and Territories that use Child Care and Development Fund monies for licensing and regulatory monitoring activities.

TABLE 18
Licensing and Regulatory Monitoring Activities

Activity	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory
Monitors compliance with licensing and regulatory requirements	53	AK, AL, AR, AS, AZ, CA, CNMI, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, HI, IA, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
Funds licensing staff	28	AL, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, GA, GU, IN, KS, KY, MD, MI, MN, NC, ND, NJ, OK, PA, RI, SD, TN, VI, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
Funds data system automation	12	AK, FL, LA, MA, NE, NM, NY, OH, RI, SC, UT, WA
Supports training for licensing staff	11	AK, KY, MA, MN, MO, ND, PR, RI, SC, WA, WV

Table 19 shows the States and Territories that use Child Care and Development Fund monies for professional development activities.

TABLE 19
Professional Development Activities

Activity	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory
Provides professional development activities, including training, education, and technical assistance	56	AK, AL, AR, AS, AZ, CA, CNMI, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
Implements training, career lattice, credentials, and/or articulation agreements	54	AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CNMI, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
Implements a personnel/training registry, mentoring, a training calendar, distance learning, and/or career advising	47	AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
Provides technical assistance	47	AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CNMI, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, GU, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, LA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, PA, PR, SC, SD, TN, TX, VA, VI, WA, WI, WV, WY
Builds or supports a professional development system	42	AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
Implements training/trainer approval and/or evaluation of training	42	AK, AL, AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, IA, IL, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
Implements core knowledge and/or core competencies	26	CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, KS, KY, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MT, ND, NE, NM, PA, SC, TN, VA, VT, WI, WV

Table 20 shows the States and Territories that use Child Care and Development Fund monies for practitioner salary and other compensation activities.

TABLE 20
Practitioner Salary and Other Compensation Activities

Activity	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory
Improves salaries and other compensation for child care practitioners	47	AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CNMI, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MT, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, TX, UT, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
Offers scholarships	31	AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MT, NE, NH, NJ, NM, PA, RI, TX, VI, WA, WI, WV
Awards bonuses or merit pay for training completion	29	AL, CNMI, CO, DC, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, MD, MI, MN, MO, MT, NC, NE, NM, OH, OR, PA, SC, TX, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV
Implements the T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) Early Childhood® Project	19	AL, AZ, CO, DE, FL, IA, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, NC, NE, NM, OH, PA, SC, WI, WV
Provides training, travel, or material stipends	18	CA, CNMI, FL, GA, HI, IL, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MT, NE, NJ, PA, RI, TX, WA, WV
Offers wage supplements	17	AK, AZ, CA, DE, FL, GA, IL, ME, NC, NE, NJ, OK, PA, PR, UT, WA, WI
Offers practitioner incentives for quality rating and improvement system participation	8	LA, ME, MT, NM, PA, TX, VI, VT
Improves benefits for practitioners	6	AK, MA, MD, NC, NH, WA
Offers an apprenticeship program (with salary increase requirements)	5	AR, DE, MT, VT, WV
Offers other practitioner incentives	19	AL, AZ, CA, CT, DC, FL, LA, MA, MD, MI, MN, MT, NE, NM, PA, PR, TX, UT, WV

Table 21 shows the States and Territories that use Child Care and Development Fund monies to support quality rating and improvement system (QRIS) activities.

TABLE 21
QRIS Activities

Activity	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory
Provides activities to support QRIS	47	AK, AR, AS, AZ, CNMI, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GU, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, VI, VT, WA, WV
Links technical assistance for providers to QRIS	24	AK, AZ, CO, DC, IA, IL, KS, KY, LA, MA, ME, MT, NC, ND, NH, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, TX, VA, WA
Links financial incentives to QRIS	23	AK, AR, AZ, DC, IA, IN, KS, LA, ME, MO, MT, ND, NH, NM, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VT, WA, WV
Is implementing a QRIS	19	CO, DC, DE, IA, IL, IN, KY, LA, ME, MS, NC, NH, NM, OH, OK, PA, TN, TX, VT
Links environment rating scale assessments to QRIS	14	AK, AZ, GU, KY, LA, MD, ME, MT, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, TN
Is planning or developing a QRIS	10	AK, AR, CNMI, FL, MA, ND, NY, PR, VI, WV
Is piloting a QRIS	9	AZ, ID, KS, MN, MO, NE, RI, VA, WA
Links professional development system elements to QRIS	9	AK, AR, DC, LA, ME, MT, NH, OH, PA
Includes accreditation in QRIS	6	DC, IN, MT, NH, OK, WV
Aligns QRIS standards with other standards	4	ME, PA, RI, VA

Table 22 shows the status of State and Territory early learning guidelines (ELGs).

TABLE 22
Status of ELGs

Status	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory
Developing	3	CA, NM, NY
Developed	3	AS, OR, VI
Implementing	36	AK, AL, AR, AZ, CT, DC, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MS, MT, NC*, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NV, OH, OK, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WI, WV
Revising	14	CNMI, CO, DE, FL, GA, GU, ID, KY, MO, NC*, PA, PR, WA, WY
Other	2	HI, NC*

*While North Carolina is currently implementing ELGs, the State plans to revise them and develop an online training module.

Table 23 shows the States and Territories that align their early learning guidelines (ELGs) with other standards and curricula.

TABLE 23
Alignment of ELGs

Alignment	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory
ELGs align with other standards	56	AK, AL, AR, AS, AZ, CA, CNMI, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
Kindergarten through 12th grade standards	47	AK, AL, AZ, CA, CNMI, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, VI, WA, WI, WV, WY
National Head Start Child Outcome Standards	41	AL, AR, AS, AZ, CA, CNMI, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, HI, ID, IL, IN, KS, LA, ME, MI, MN, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NV, NY, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, VA, VI, VT, WV, WY
State performance standards	18	AR, CO, CT, DE, GA, HI, IA, IN, MA, MI, NC, NH, NJ, NM, PA, RI, VT, WI
State prekindergarten standards	10	AL, AR, FL, GA, MA, NE, NM, NY, VA, WY
Quality rating and improvement system standards	5	IN, ME, MS, RI, SC
National Association for the Education of Young Children accreditation standards	4	LA, NH, PA, VT
Division for Early Childhood/Office of Special Education Programs standards	4	CO, IN, OR, WY
Other State standards	2	CT, NY
ELGs align with curricula or assessment tools	46	AL, AR, AS, CA, CNMI, CO, CT, DC, GA, GU, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI, WV
Creative Curriculum®	22	CNMI, CO, DC, GU, IA, IL, KS, KY, LA, MO, NC, ND, NE, NV, PA, RI, SD, TN, VI, VT, WI, WV
HighScope®	14	CO, DC, IA, IL, KY, MO, NC, NE, NV, PA, SD, VI, VT, WI
Child assessment tools	13	AR, AS, CA, CT, IN, KY, MA, ME, NE, NM, OK, PA, VT
State-approved curricula	4	AR, KY, MD, WV
Other curriculum	23	AS, CA, CNMI, DC, GA, IA, KY, MA, MD, MO, MT, NH, NJ, OK, PA, PR, RI, SD, TN, TX, VA, VT, WI

Table 24 shows the States and Territories that have early learning guidelines (ELGs) for different age groups.

TABLE 24
ELGs by Age Group

Age Group	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory
Birth to 3	30	AL, AR, AS, CA, CNMI, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MD, ME, MI, MN, NC, ND, NE, NH, NV, OH, OK, PA, PR, WA, WI
Birth to 5	38	AK, AL, AR, AS, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, HI, IA, ID, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MN, MS, MT, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NM, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, TN, VA, WA, WI
5 years or older	16	AZ, FL, GA, ID, IL, KY, MD, MI, NC, ND, NY, OH, PA, PR, WA, WI

Table 25 shows the current status of Lead Agencies' efforts to develop professional development plans for early childhood providers.

TABLE 25
Status of Professional Development Plans

Status	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory
Planning	4	AZ*, IN, NY, VA
Developing	9	CNMI, HI, IA, MI, MN, MS, PR, VI, WA
Developed	4	AK, FL, GU, RI
Implementing	18	AL, AS, DC, DE, GA, IL, KS, KY, MD, MO, ND, NM, NV, OK, OR*, SD, TX, WI
Revising	14	AR, CO, LA, MA, MT, NE, NH, OH, OR*, PA, SC, UT, WV, WY
Other	9	AZ*, CA, CT, ID, ME, NC, NJ, TN, VT

*In Arizona, the statewide professional development plan is still in the process of being developed, but many elements currently exist and offer the feasibility for further expansion. While most sections of Oregon's professional development plan are currently being implemented, there are sections that are undergoing significant revisions.

Table 26 shows the elements of professional development systems that States and Territories included in their professional development plans. Nine States reported that they are linking these elements of a professional development system to their QRIS (see Table 21 for more information).

TABLE 26
Elements of Professional Development Systems

Element	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory
Continuum of training and education/career lattice	44	AK, AL, AR, AS, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, ID, IL, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, WI, WV
A link to early learning guidelines	43	AK, AL, AR, AS, CA, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, ID, IL, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, WI, WV, WY
Trainer approval process	43	AK, AR, AS, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, GU, ID, IL, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, WI, WV, WY
Training approval process	43	AK, AR, AS, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, ID, IL, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, WI, WV, WY
Registry or other system to track practitioners' training	42	AK, AR, AS, CA, CT, DC, FL, GA, ID, IL, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, WI, WV, WY
Articulation	39	AK, AL, AR, AS, CA, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, IL, KS, KY, MA, MD, ME, MN, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, WI, WV
Assessment or evaluation of training effectiveness	39	AK, AR, AS, CA, CT, DC, FL, GA, ID, IL, KS, KY, MA, MD, ME, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, WI, WV
State credentials	38	AL, AR, AS, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, IL, KS, KY, MA, MD, ME, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VT, WI, WY

Table 27 shows the States and Territories that have developed or plan to develop credentials as part of their professional development plans.

TABLE 27
State and Territory Credentials

Credential	Number of States/Territories	State/Territory
Professional development plan includes State/Territory credentials	38	AL, AR, AS, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, GU, IL, KS, KY, MA, MD, ME, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VT, WI, WY
Director/administrator	29	AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GU, IL, KY, MD, ME, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NH, NM, OK, OR, PA, SC, SD, TN, VT, WI, WY
Infant and toddler	17	AR, CO, DC, DE, IL, ME, MT, NC, ND, NM, OR, SC, SD, TN, VT, WI, WY
General early childhood/preschool education	16	AS, CA, CO, DC, FL, IL, KY, MD, ME, MT, NC, NH, NM, SC, SD, WI
School age	14	AR, CA, CT, DC, DE, FL, IL, ME, NC, NH, PA, SC, SD, VT
Family or group-home child care provider	4	AR, NC, NH, SC
Other	10	AL, CA, CO, KY, ND, NH, NM, NY, OH, WI

Table 28 shows which States require all center-based providers paid with Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) monies to be licensed and which do not.

TABLE 28
Licensing Requirements for Center-based Providers

Requirement	Number of States	State
Requires all center-based providers paid with CCDF funds to be licensed under State law	22	AK, AR, AZ, CO, DC, DE, GA, IA, ID, KY, MD, MT, NC, NE, NJ, NM, OH, OK, PA, SC, SD, VT
Does not require all center-based providers paid with CCDF funds to be licensed under State law	29	AL, CA, CT, FL, HI, IL, IN, KS, LA, MA, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NH, NV, NY, OR, RI, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WI, WV, WY

Table 29 shows the States that allow different types of center-based providers to be exempt from licensing requirements.

TABLE 29
Types of License-exempt, Center-based Providers

Type of Provider	Number of States	State
School-based centers operated by State departments of education or local school districts	23	AL, CA, CT, FL, HI, IL, IN, LA, MA, ME, MN, MO, MS, ND, NH, NY, OR, UT, VA, WA, WI, WV, WY
Centers operated by religious organizations	12	AL, CT, FL, GA, IL, IN, MA, MN, MO, NH, UT, VA
Boys and Girls clubs	11	CA, CT, HI, IN, ME, MN, MS, NH, NV, TN, VA
Centers that operate part time	9	AL, CA, IN, MN, MS, NY, OR, WA, WV
Onsite drop-in centers	8	CA, IL, MI, MN, NH, OR, UT, WV
Summer camps	6	MN, NY, RI, TX, WA, WV
Tribal centers	5	KS, MI, NY, WA, WY
Military-based centers	4	HI, MI, TX, WA
Other	18	AL, CT, IL, IN, KS, MA, MS, NH, NV, NY, OR, TX, UT, VA, WA, WI, WV, WY

Table 30 shows which States require all family child care providers paid with Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) monies to be licensed and which do not.

TABLE 30
Licensing Requirements for Family Child Care Providers

Requirement	Number of States	State
Requires all family child care providers paid with CCDF funds to be licensed under State law	19	AL, AR, AZ, CT, DC, DE, GA, KS, KY, MA, MD, MT, NC, NJ, NM, OK, VT, WA, WV
Does not require all family child care providers paid with CCDF funds to be licensed under State law	32	AK, CA, CO, FL, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, LA, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, NH, NV, NY, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WI, WY

Table 31 summarizes State licensing exemptions for family child care providers.

TABLE 31
Licensing Exemptions for Family Child Care Providers

Exemption	Number of States	State
Small number of children in care*	14	CO, HI, IL, ME, MT, ND, NE, NH, NY, OR, PA, SC, WI, WY
Care provided by a relative (in the provider's home)	13	AK, CA, HI, IA, IN, MN, NH, NV, NY, OR, SD, UT, WY
Children in care are siblings or from one family	10	CA, CO, IA, IL, MN, MT, NE, OR, SD, WY
Other	19	AK, FL, IA, ID, IN, LA, MI, MO, MS, NV, NY, OH, OR, RI, TN, TX, UT, VA, WY

**"Small number of children in care" is defined as three or fewer children.

Table 32 shows which States require all inhome providers paid with Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) monies to be licensed and which do not.

TABLE 32
Licensing Requirements for Inhome Care Providers

Requirement	Number of States	State
Requires all inhome care providers paid with CCDF funds to be licensed under State law	2	AR, AZ
Does not require all inhome care providers paid with CCDF funds to be licensed under State law	49	AK, AL, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Table 33 summarizes State licensing exemptions for inhome care providers.

TABLE 33
Licensing Exemptions for Inhome Care Providers

Exemption	Number of States	State
All inhome care providers are exempt	32	AK, AL, DC, FL, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, ME, MI, MN, MS, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, UT, VT, WI, WV, WY
Care provided by a relative (in the child's home)	10	AZ, CA, CT, DE, GA, MD, OR, TX, VA, WA
Children in care are siblings or from one family	7	CA, CO, HI, MD, MT, OR, SC
Small number of children in care*	6	CO, GA, MT, NC, ND, OR
Care provided by a friend or neighbor (in the child's home)	3	CT, DE, WA
Part-time care/occasional care	2	MD, OR

*"Small number of children in care" is defined as three or fewer children.

Table 34 provides a summary of the health and safety requirements for license-exempt, center-based providers in order for them to care for children receiving child care assistance, regardless of the State/Territory licensing requirements. Requirements for these providers in the Territories are included in "Table 35: Health and Safety Requirements for Center-based Providers in the Territories."

TABLE 34
Health and Safety Requirements for License-exempt, Center-based Providers

Requirement	Number of States	State
Requirements from another oversight entity	17	CA, CT, FL, IL, MA, MI, MN, ND, NH, NV, NY, OR, RI, TX, VA, WA, WY
Training (i.e., orientation, preservice, and/or ongoing training, excluding CPR and first aid training)	13	AL, CT, HI, IL, IN, LA, MO, NV, NY, OR, VA, WI, WV
Background check	11	CA, CT, FL, HI, ME, NH, OR, WA, WI, WV, WY
Fire, building, and/or health inspection	7	CA, LA, MO, UT, VA, WI, WV
CPR/first aid training	6	IN, LA, NV, VA, WV, WY
Self-certification or complete health/safety checklist	6	AL, CT, HI, ME, RI, WY
Tuberculosis test	4	HI, IL, IN, WI
Physical exam or health statement	1	IL
Other	12	CA, HI, IN, LA, ME, NH, NV, TN, TX, VA, WA, WI

Table 35 shows the Territories' health and safety requirements for center-based providers in order for them to care for children receiving child care assistance, regardless of the State/Territory licensing requirements.

TABLE 35
Health and Safety Requirements for Center-based Providers in the Territories

Requirement	Number of Territories	Territory
CPR/first aid training	4	AS, CNMI, GU, PR
Physical exam or health statement	4	AS, CNMI, GU, PR
Fire, building, and/or health inspection	3	CNMI, GU, PR
Training (i.e., orientation, preservice, and/or ongoing training, excluding CPR and first aid training)	3	AS, CNMI, GU
Background check	2	AS, GU
Self-certification or complete health/safety checklist	2	AS, CNMI
Requirements from another oversight entity	2	AS, GU
Tuberculosis test	1	GU
Other	3	AS, CNMI, PR

Table 36 provides a summary of the health and safety requirements for license-exempt, family child care providers in order for them to care for children receiving child care assistance, regardless of the State/Territory licensing requirements. Requirements for these providers in the Territories are included in "Table 37: Health and Safety Requirements for Family Child Care Providers in the Territories."

TABLE 36
Health and Safety Requirements for License-exempt, Family Child Care Providers

Requirement	Number of States	State
Self-certification or complete health/safety checklist	22	AK, CA, CO, FL, HI, IA, ID, LA, ME, MI, MO, MT, ND, NE, OR, PA, RI, SD, TN, UT, VA, WY
Training (i.e., orientation, preservice, and/or ongoing training, excluding CPR and first aid training)	19	CA, FL, HI, IL, IN, LA, MO, MT, NE, NV, NY, OH, OR, PA, RI, SD, UT, VA, WI
Background check	18	CA, FL, HI, ID, IN, LA, ME, MI, MO, MS, MT, NH, OR, PA, RI, UT, WI, WY
CPR/first aid staff training	9	AK, IA, ID, IN, LA, ND, SC, VA, WY
Tuberculosis test	8	CA, HI, IL, IN, MO, SC, VA, WI
Requirements from another oversight entity	7	FL, IL, MN, MO, NY, TX, WY
Physical exam or health statement	4	CA, IL, LA, SC
Fire, building, and/or health inspection	3	ID, LA, OH
Other	20	FL, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, ME, MO, MS, MT, NH, NV, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WI

Table 37 shows the Territories' health and safety requirements for family child care providers in order for them to care for children receiving child care assistance, regardless of the State/Territory licensing requirements.

TABLE 37
Health and Safety Requirements for Family Child Care Providers in the Territories

Requirement	Number of Territories	Territory
CPR/first aid training	4	AS, CNMI, GU, PR
Physical exam or health statement	4	AS, CNMI, GU, PR
Background check	3	AS, GU, PR
Requirements from another oversight entity	3	AS, GU, PR
Training (i.e., orientation, preservice, and/or ongoing training, excluding CPR and first aid training)	3	AS, CNMI, GU
Self-certification or complete health/safety checklist	2	AS, CNMI
Tuberculosis test	2	AS, GU
Fire, building, and/or health inspection	1	GU
Other	3	AS, CNMI, PR

Table 38 summarizes health and safety requirements for license-exempt, inhome care providers in order for them to care for children receiving child care assistance, regardless of the State/Territory licensing requirements. Requirements for these providers in the Territories are included in "Table 39: Health and Safety Requirements for Inhome Providers in the Territories."

TABLE 38
Health and Safety Requirements for License-exempt, Inhome Providers

Requirement	Number of States	State
Self-certification or complete health/safety checklist	29	AL, CA, CO, CT, DE, HI, IA, ID, KS, LA, MA, MD, ME, MO, MT, NC, ND, NJ, NM, OH, OK, OR, RI, SC, SD, UT, VA, VT, WY
Training (i.e., orientation, preservice, and/or ongoing training, excluding CPR and first aid training)	28	AL, CA, DC, DE, FL, GA, HI, IN, KY, MA, MI, MO, MT, NE, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SD, UT, VA, WI, WV
Background check	27	AK, AZ, CA, CT, DE, FL, HI, ID, KY, LA, MA, ME, MO, MT, NC, NH, NJ, OR, PA, RI, TX, UT, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
CPR/first aid staff training	12	AK, DC, DE, IA, ID, IN, KY, LA, MA, NC, VA, WY
Requirements from another oversight entity	10	CT, FL, IL, MD, ME, MN, MO, NY, SD, WY
Tuberculosis test	8	CA, HI, IL, IN, KY, MO, NC, VA
Physical exam or health statement	5	CA, DC, IL, KY, WV
Other	23	AK, CT, DC, DE, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, MD, MT, NC, NH, OH, OK, PA, RI, UT, VT, WA, WI, WV

Table 39 shows the Territories' health and safety requirements for inhome providers in order for them to care for children receiving child care assistance, regardless of the State/Territory licensing requirements.

TABLE 39
Health and Safety Requirements for Inhome Providers in the Territories

Requirement	Number of Territories	Territory
CPR/first aid staff training	4	AS, CNMI, GU, PR
Physical exam or health statement	4	AS, CNMI, GU, PR
Training (i.e., orientation, preservice, and/or ongoing training, excluding CPR and first aid training)	3	AS, CNMI, GU
Background check	2	AS, GU
Requirements from another oversight entity	2	GU, PR
Self-certification or health/safety checklist	2	AS, CNMI
Tuberculosis test	2	AS, GU
Fire, building, and/or health inspection	1	GU
Other	3	AS, CNMI, PR

Table 40 shows the States that have health and safety requirement exemption policies for relative providers. Lead Agencies have the flexibility to exempt relative providers from the CCDF health and safety requirements.

TABLE 40
Health and Safety Requirement Exemption Policies for Relative Providers

Exemption	Number of States	State
Subjects all relative providers to the same requirements as other providers	32	AK, AR, CT, DC, DE, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KY, LA, MD, MN, MO, MS, MT, NE, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, UT, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
Exempts all relative providers from all health and safety requirements	2	AL, ND
Subjects some or all relative providers to different health and safety requirements	17	AZ, CA, CO, FL, HI, KS, MA, ME, MI, NC, NH, NV, RI, SD, TN, TX, VA

Table 41 shows the types of child care providers and other adults in child care settings who are subject to background checks in States.

TABLE 41
Types of Providers Subject to Background Checks

Type of Provider	Number of States	State
Licensed, center-based staff	50	AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
Licensed family and/or group-home providers	48	AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
Employees/assistants in family and/or group child care homes	38	AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, GA, HI, IA, ID, IN, KS, LA, MA, MD, MO, MS, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OK, PA, SC, SD, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV
Household members in family and/or group child care homes	38	AK, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, IA, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OK, OR, PA, RI, SD, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV
Inhome providers	37	AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MN, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OR, PA, RI, SD, TX, UT, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
Legally exempt providers	36	AL, AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, KS, LA, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OR, PA, RI, SD, TX, UT, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
Relative providers	16	AK, AZ, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, KS, MI, NE, NJ, OR, TX, UT, WV
Volunteers	16	AR, AZ, CA, DC, DE, IN, KS, LA, MA, MO, MS, NE, NY, SD, VA, WA
Other	5	AL, ME, NH, OH, SC

Table 42 shows the types of background checks that States require.

TABLE 42
Types of Background Checks

Type of Check	Number of States	State
State criminal background check	41	AK, AL, AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IN, KS, KY, MA, MD, ME, MI, MS, MT, NC, ND, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
Child abuse registry check	34	AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, MA, MD, ME, MT, ND, NE, NJ, NM, NY, OR, PA, SC, SD, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY
State or Federal fingerprint check	14	AK, AZ, CA, CO, DE, FL, HI, IA, MI, ND, NJ, NY, WA, WV
Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background check	11	AK, CO, FL, MD, ND, NJ, NM, PA, SC, SD, WA
Sex offender registry check	8	AK, IA, IN, ND, NY, SC, TX, WA
Self-certification/declaration	4	FL, NY, VA, WV
Other	15	AR, CO, FL, IA, IN, ME, MI, MS, MT, NE, NY, UT, WA, WI, WV

This chapter contains a profile of each State and Territory that highlights selected services and activities as reported by Lead Agencies in their approved Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plans for Fiscal Years (FY) 2010–2011, which became effective October 1, 2009.

As a supplement to the selected tables and figures presented in the second chapter of the report, the data selected for these profiles correspond to the CCDF Plan Preprint under the following broad headings:

- **Administration and Implementation**, which is drawn from *Part 1 – Administration* and *Part 3 – Child Care Services Offered*.
- **Child Care Services Offered**, which is drawn from *Part 3 – Child Care Services Offered* and *Part 4 – Parental Rights and Responsibilities*.
- **Health and Safety Requirements**, which is drawn from *Part 6 – Health and Safety Requirements for Providers* (for States) and *Part 7 – Health and Safety Requirements in the Territories* (for Territories).
- **Selected Quality Initiatives**, which is drawn from *Part 5 – Activities and Services to Improve the Quality and Availability of Child Care*.

Due to the wide variation in how States and Territories implement the CCDF program, data were selected in order to present the information as consistently as possible. In addition, these profiles do not provide a comprehensive picture of the CCDF program in each State and Territory. Under **Administration and Implementation**, *administration of the program* covers the majority of entities and methods involved in delivering CCDF services, although States and Territories vary widely in how the program is implemented.

Under **Child Care Services Offered**, the *income eligibility* information is based on entry into the program, not the maximum income limit for remaining eligible. The *reimbursement rates* for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented, which may or may not be representative of all possible rates. The *sliding fees* for full-time care for a family of three are presented. The waiting list information is based on responses to a series of yes/no questions, although States and Territories vary in their reasons for use and how they implement waiting lists. The *maximum length of eligibility upon initial authorization* for most families is presented, although the actual length of eligibility may vary within a State or Territory based on client needs or location of services.

Under **Health and Safety Requirements**, information about which provider types are subject to licensing is presented. Also included is information about exemptions for relatives and enforcement strategies.

Under **Selected Quality Activities**, examples highlight only one of many activities each State and Territory undertakes for each category.

Alabama

This profile highlights selected services and activities as reported by the Lead Agency in its approved Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for Fiscal Years (FY) 2010–2011, which became effective October 1, 2009. This profile is provided for illustrative purposes, and information may have changed since the effective date.

ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Alabama Department of Human Resources 50 Ripley Street, P.O. Box 304000 Montgomery, AL 36130 Phone: 866-528-1694 Web site: http://www.dhr.alabama.gov			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly issues provider payments and contracts with child care management agencies to determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families and provide resource and referral services. The Lead Agency also contracts with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,417.00	\$2,904.00	\$1,578.00	46%				
Three	\$4,221.00	\$3,588.00	\$1,984.00	47%				
Four	\$5,025.00	\$4,271.00	\$2,389.00	48%				
SMI year: 2009								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
\$8.00/week	\$23.00/week	\$23.00/week for second child	October 1, 2009	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child.								

Alabama

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Birmingham			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$111.00/week	\$89.00/week	\$35.00/week
Toddler	\$111.00/week	\$89.00/week	\$35.00/week
Preschool	\$102.00/week	\$83.00/week	\$35.00/week
School Age	\$94.00/week	\$84.00/week	\$35.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2009. Note: The Lead Agency has a separate rate for group homes. License-exempt rates represent rates for inhome and relative out-of-home care. Maximum informal rates will not exceed \$35 per week. Rates vary by category of care, and all rates are below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Geographic area: Rates vary by region. Rates for Birmingham are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS								
Licensing Requirements								
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers					
Not all providers are subject to licensing (e.g. those operated by church ministries/religious nonprofit elementary schools, public elementary or secondary schools, and certain school-age programs).	All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	All are exempt from licensing.					
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards								
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries						
With the exception of consultative services, visits are unannounced and are conducted at license renewal, for complaint investigations, and as often as needed to enforce licensing requirements.	All providers are subject to background checks.	All providers are required to report serious injuries within 24 hours.						
Exemptions for Relatives:	All relatives are exempt from all health and safety requirements.							
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES								
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status								
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains		Alignment With Standards and Curricula					
ELGs are being implemented in child care centers, FCC homes, prekindergarten sites, Head Start centers, and the homes of relative care providers and families.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 3 and birth to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Social-emotional development, cognitive development, language and literacy, mathematics, and physical development		K–12 content standards, Head Start Child Outcome Standards, and State prekindergarten standards					
Professional Development System Plan Status								
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials					
Implementing	Yes	Yes	The Alabama Early Learning Guidelines Credential is available for all caregivers and teachers who work with children from birth through age 5 years.					
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)								
No activity reported								

Alaska

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Alaska Department of Health and Social Services 619 E. Ship Creek Avenue, Suite 230 Anchorage, AK 99501-1677 Phone: 888-268-4632 Web site: http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/ccare/ Administrative rules/policy manual: The <i>Alaska PASS [Parents Achieving Self-Sufficiency] / Child Care Assistance Manual</i> is available at http://dpaweb.hss.state.ak.us/main/manual/ChildCare/CCPASS1MAN.PDF , and the <i>Child Care Assistance Policy & Procedure Manual</i> is available at http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/ccare/files/ccpp_manu al.pdf			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly issues provider payments. It contracts with government and nongovernmental agencies to determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families. It also contracts with government and nongovernmental agencies, including child care resource and referral agencies, to help parents find care and implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$4,458.00	\$3,790.00	\$3,516.00	79%				
Three	\$5,016.00	\$4,263.00	\$3,853.00	77%				
Four	\$5,573.00	\$4,737.00	\$4,190.00	75%				
<u>SMI year:</u> 2002								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months. Families with irregular income/self-employed are authorized services for 3 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
\$13.00/month	\$766.00/month	\$766.00/month	September 1, 2002	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per family.								

Alaska

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Anchorage Region			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$790.00/month	\$600.00/month	\$518.00/month
Toddler	\$700.00/month	\$600.00/month	\$492.00/month
Preschool	\$645.00/month	\$530.00/month	\$440.00/month
School Age	\$625.00/month	\$495.00/month	\$430.00/month

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: September 1, 2008. Note: Center rates are for licensed or military center care and group homes. Rates for FCC are for licensed or military home care. License-exempt rates are for approved or inhome care. Rates vary by category of care, and all rates are below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for children with special needs. Geographic area: Rates are established for nine geographic regions. Anchorage Region rates are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS			
Licensing Requirements			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	Approved providers and approved relative providers are exempt from licensing.	All are exempt from licensing.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards			
Unannounced Visits		Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries
Licensed providers are subject to routine unannounced visits and at least one announced visit per year. Approved providers, approved relative providers, and inhome providers are subject to unannounced visits as needed.		All providers are subject to background checks.	Licensed providers must report serious injuries within 24 hours. Approved providers and approved relative providers report serious injuries to the local administrator, who receives the report and notifies the Lead Agency when further action may be needed.
Exemptions for Relatives:		All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.	

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES			
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status			
Status of Implementation		Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula
ELGs are being implemented and incorporated into the University of Alaska System's early childhood education curriculum. A training manual was developed and used to conduct train-the-trainer workshops.		<u>Age:</u> Birth to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Social-emotional development, cognitive development, physical development and health, approaches to learning, and language and literacy	K–12 content standards

Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Developed	Yes	Yes	No activity reported

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
The Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), the child care resource and referral network, and other programs/agencies have participated in the development of a QRIS. With DHSS funding, Best Beginnings developed a plan for Alaska, including recommendations for the QRIS standards, budget, and phased-in implementation.			

American Samoa

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Department of Human and Social Services P.O. Box 997534 Pago Pago, AS 96799 Phone: 684-633-1571 Web site: http://www.dhss.as			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families, issues provider payments, and provides resource and referral services. The Lead Agency implements quality activities in coordination with other government and nongovernmental agencies. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,740.00	\$3,179.00	Not applicable	Not applicable				
Three	\$4,620.00	\$3,927.00	Not applicable	Not applicable				
Four	\$5,500.00	\$4,675.00	Not applicable	Not applicable				
Note: Income limits are based on Hawaii's SMI data for FY 2004.								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					No			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months. Families involved in job search activities are authorized services for 2 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
No fee	No fee	No fee	October 1, 2007	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented.								
Note: Co-payments are waived for all families because all families served are below poverty level.								

American Samoa

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Territory-wide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$200.00/month	\$200.00/month	\$200.00/month
Toddler	\$180.00/month	\$180.00/month	\$180.00/month
Preschool	\$200.00/month	\$200.00/month	\$200.00/month
School Age	\$110.00/month	\$110.00/month	\$110.00/month

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: January 1, 2006. Note: The rate structure has six preschool age rates. Rates for preschool children not enrolled in early education are presented. License-exempt rates are for inhome providers. Rates for school-age care are for kindergarten rates. The rate structure includes a separate rate for group and family care. Rates are set below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Geographic area: Territory-wide rates are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
Center-based care serves 12 or more children. Providers must be certified as having satisfied minimum requirements related to direct care, and the facility must meet minimum health and safety requirements.	Group-home care providers serve groups of 7, but no more than 12 children. Providers must be certified as having satisfied minimum requirements related to direct care, and the facility must meet minimum health and safety requirements.	Family home child care is in the residence of a registered provider for one, but not more than six children (relative or nonrelative; providers must be certified as having satisfied minimum health and safety requirements and complete self-certifications that residences are safe).	Inhome care is in the child's home for no less than three, but no more than six children. Providers (relative or nonrelative) must complete self-certifications stating that children's homes are safe.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards			
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries	
Centers and group homes are subject to unannounced visits at least once per month; FCC homes and inhome providers receive unannounced visits at least once per quarter.	All are subject to background checks.	Serious injuries must be reported. Reports may be made by the parents, providers, or caregivers.	
Exemptions for Relatives:	All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.		

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES			
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status			
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains		Alignment With Standards and Curricula
Voluntary ELGs were developed; however, they are under review to improve the content and make them more culturally relevant for the children served in American Samoa.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Social-emotional development, creative arts, language and literacy, and mathematics		Head Start Child Outcome Standards, curriculum standards, and assessment/evaluation tools used by local Head Start programs
Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Implementing	Yes	Yes	The Territory awards a Childcare Education Certificate for completion of 120 hours of instruction.

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
The Territory has established criteria for a QRIS, geared toward acknowledging accomplishments and compliance of group- and center-based providers.			

Arizona

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Arizona Department of Economic Security 1789 W. Jefferson, Site Code 801A, 3rd Floor SW Phoenix, AZ 85007 Phone: 602-542-4248 Web site: http://www.azdes.gov/childcare			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for families not receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and issues provider payments. It contracts with nongovernmental agencies to administer TANF child care, including transitional child care, in various geographic areas and provide resource and referral services. The Lead Agency contracts with government and nongovernmental agencies, including community colleges, to implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		Percent of SMI			
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,788.00	\$3,220.00	\$2,005.00	53%				
Three	\$4,679.00	\$3,978.00	\$2,518.00	54%				
Four	\$5,570.00	\$4,735.00	\$3,033.00	54%				
<u>SMI year:</u> 2010								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					No			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months. TANF families are authorized services for less than 6 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
\$1.00/day	\$10.00/day	\$10.00/day for second child	July 1, 2009	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per child. For families receiving Transitional Child Care, there is no co-pay assigned beyond the third child in the family.								

Arizona

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – District 1			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$30.20/day	\$20.00/day	\$10.50/day
Toddler	\$26.60/day	\$20.00/day	\$10.50/day
Preschool	\$23.80/day	\$18.00/day	\$10.50/day
School Age	\$23.40/day	\$17.00/day	\$10.50/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: April 1, 2009. Note: Rates for licensed FCC homes represent rates for certified family homes and certified inhome providers. License-exempt rates represent those for noncertified relative providers. The rate structure also includes a separate rate for group homes. Rates vary by category of care, and all rates are below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for higher quality. Geographic area: Rates vary by district. Rates for District 1 are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS			
Licensing Requirements			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
All are subject to licensing	All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to certification.
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards			
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries	
Child care centers are subject to unannounced visits once per year; group homes, twice per year. FCC homes are subject to three visits during their first year of certification, two visits per year thereafter, and at least one per year is unannounced. Inhome providers are subject to two visits per year, one of which is unannounced.	All providers, including relatives, are subject to background checks.	Not all providers are subject to reporting requirements (e.g., child care centers, group homes, and relatives). FCC homes and inhome providers are required to report serious injuries, but no timeframe is specified.	
Exemptions for Relatives:	Some or all relatives are subject to different health and safety requirements than other providers.		
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES			
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status			
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula	
The Arizona Early Learning Guidelines are being implemented.	<u>Age:</u> 5 years and older <u>Domains:</u> Social-emotional development, cognitive development, physical development, health and safety, creative arts, language and literacy, mathematics, social studies, and science	Arizona Academic Standards for Kindergarten and Head Start Child Outcome Standards	
Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
The Arizona professional development plan will be developed in State Fiscal Year 2010.	No activity reported	No activity reported	No activity reported
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
Arizona has adopted a methodology to implement a voluntary, five-star QRIS scheduled to be piloted in 2010. The Department of Economic Security will coordinate with First Things First in development and promotion of Arizona's QRIS.			

Arkansas

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Arkansas Department of Human Services P.O. Box 1437, Slot S140 Little Rock, AR 72203 Phone: 501-682-8947 Web site: http://www.arkansas.gov/childcare/familysupport Administrative rules/policy manual: http://www.arkansas.gov/childcare/familysupport			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for families not receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and issues provider payments. It contracts with nongovernmental agencies to provide resource and referral services. Eligibility for TANF is determined by the Department of Workforce Services. The Lead Agency implements quality activities in coordination with other government and nongovernmental entities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,395.00	\$2,886.00	\$2,037.00	60%				
Three	\$3,770.00	\$3,205.00	\$2,262.00	60%				
Four	\$4,492.00	\$3,818.00	\$2,695.00	60%				
<u>SMI year:</u> 2007								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
No fee	80% of provider fee	80% of provider fee	July 15, 2008	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per child.								

Arkansas

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Pulaski County			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$25.50/day	\$23.50/day	\$23.50/day
Toddler	\$24.50/day	\$22.50/day	\$22.50/day
Preschool	\$21.10/day	\$18.70/day	\$18.70/day
School Age	\$21.10/day	\$17.50/day	\$17.50/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: November 1, 2006. Note: License-exempt rates are for relative child care family homes. Rates are set at the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey or higher. Differential rates are used for children with special needs, infant care, and nontraditional hour care. Geographic area: Rates vary by county. Rates for Pulaski County are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS			
Licensing Requirements			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards			
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries	
All provider types who are licensed or registered are subject to three unannounced visits per year.	All providers are subject to background checks.	All providers must report serious injuries or illnesses within 1 business day.	
Exemptions for Relatives:	All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.		
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES			
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status			
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula	
ELGs are being implemented. Training is delivered in community colleges and community-based programs and is open to all licensed/registered care providers and parents.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 3 and birth to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Social-emotional development, cognitive development, physical development and health, creative arts, language and literacy, and mathematics	Kindergarten Readiness Indicators, Head Start Child Outcome Standards, Work Sampling System® Performance Indicators, Kindergarten Frameworks, Creative Curriculum®, and state-approved curricula	
Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Revising	Yes	Yes	State credentials are available in the content areas of infant and toddler, administration, school age/youth, and FCC. Other credentials are being developed.
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
The Early Care and Education Workgroup, part of the Arkansas Early Comprehensive Systems Initiative, developed recommendations for a QRIS, including staff qualifications, and submitted the recommendations to the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education (DCC/ECE). DCC/ECE plans to implement the first three levels in July 2010.			

California

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
California Department of Education 1430 N Street, Suite 3410 Sacramento, CA 95814 Phone: 916-322-6233 Web site: http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/administrative_rules_policy_manual.aspx Administrative rules/policy manual: http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/ci/mb0807.asp			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency has contracts, grants, and agreements with government and nongovernmental agencies, including local child care and development agencies, to determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families, provide resource and referral services, issue provider payments, and implement quality activities. ■ Approximately 54 percent of funds are expended through contracts with centers and family child care networks. The remaining funds are expended through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$4,691.00	\$3,987.00	\$3,518.00	75%				
Three	\$5,026.00	\$4,272.00	\$3,769.00	75%				
Four	\$5,584.00	\$4,746.00	\$4,188.00	75%				
SMI year: 2007								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months. Families receiving protective services are authorized 3 months of services.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
\$2.00/day	\$17.25/day	\$17.25/day	January 1, 2007	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family.								

California

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Los Angeles County			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$253.65/week	\$183.32/week	\$164.99/week
Toddler	\$253.65/week	\$183.32/week	\$164.99/week
Preschool	\$182.03/week	\$169.99/week	\$152.99/week
School Age	\$155.25/week	\$151.30/week	\$136.17/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2006. Note: License-exempt rates are for unlicensed trustLined/relative care. Rates are set at the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey or higher. Geographic area: Rates vary by county. Rates for Los Angeles County are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Licensing Requirements			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
Not all providers are subject to licensing (e.g., any public recreation program, before- and after-school programs operated by schools, part-time programs, and onsite drop-in centers).	All are subject to licensing.	Family providers caring for the children of one other family as well as their own children, and those caring for children who are related by blood or marriage, are exempt from licensing.	Providers caring for children in the children's homes are exempt from licensing.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards

Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries
Annual unannounced site visits are made to no less than 30 percent of all licensed child day care centers and FCC homes and as often as necessary to ensure compliance; license-exempt providers are not subject to unannounced visits.	All providers are subject to background checks with the exception of some relatives (e.g., aunts, uncles, and grandparents).	Center and FCC providers are required to report serious injuries by the next business day; license-exempt providers are not subject to reporting requirements.
Exemptions for Relatives:		Some or all relatives are subject to different health and safety requirements than other providers.

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES

Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status			
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula	
The State is developing a third volume of its Preschool Learning Foundations for history/social science and science. Two other volumes were completed in 2008 and 2009.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 3 and 3 to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Social-emotional development, cognitive development, physical development, health, creative arts, language and literacy, and mathematics	K-12 content standards and Head Start Child Outcome Standards	
Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Professional development activities are organized into a continuum or learning pathway that is aligned with the Preschool Learning Foundations.	Yes	Yes	The California Commission of Teacher Credentialing offers several levels of the Child Development Permit in early childhood education.
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
No activity reported			

Colorado

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Colorado Department of Human Services Division of Child Care 1575 Sherman Street, 1st Floor Denver, CO 80203 Phone: 800-799-5876 Web site: http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/childcare/cccapp_home.htm Administrative rules/policy manual: http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/childcare/cccapp_home.htm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with county departments of human services to determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families and issue provider payments. It contracts with nongovernmental agencies to provide resource and referral services and also has contracts and interagency agreements with government and nongovernmental agencies, including the Colorado Department of Education, to implement quality activities. ■ Nearly all care is provided through certificates. Only 5 percent of care is provided through contracts, which are mostly with child care centers, but there are some contracts with family child care homes for infant and nontraditional hour care. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$4,294.00	\$3,650.00	Not applicable	Not applicable				
Three	Not applicable	\$4,509.00	Not applicable	Not applicable				
Four	\$6,375.00	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable				
<u>SMI year:</u> 2009								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency does not serve all families; it maintains a waiting list at the county level, with oversight by the Lead Agency when conditions warrant.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
\$7.00/month	\$483.00/month	The fee is increased by \$40.00 for each additional child in care	October 2009	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	No			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per family.								

Colorado

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Denver City and County			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$36.63/day	\$28.14/day	\$6.01/hour
Toddler	\$33.30/day	\$25.58/day	\$5.46/hour
Preschool	\$26.68/day	\$12.85/hour	\$5.46/hour
School Age	\$26.68/day	\$12.85/hour	\$5.46/hour

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: June 2009. Note: The rate structure includes two separate rates for toddler care and three separate rates for preschool care. Rates for toddlers (12–24 months) and preschoolers (24 months to 5 years) are used. License-exempt rates are for half-day, exempt FCC homes. Rates for preschool and school-age care for FCC home care are for half-day care. Rates vary by category of care, and some rates are at the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey or higher. Geographic area: Rates vary by county/groups of counties and quality rating. Rates for Denver city and county with no rating are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Licensing Requirements			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	FCC providers caring for only one child or for two or more children who are siblings from the same family household are exempt from licensing.	Inhome care by a relative or nonrelative in the child's home is exempt from licensing.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards

Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries
Unannounced visits are conducted on a risk-based model and occur on a time interval from once a month to once every 3 years.	All providers are subject to background checks.	Licensed providers must report injuries within 24 hours.

Exemptions for Relatives: Some or all relatives are subject to different health and safety requirements than other providers.

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES

Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status		
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula
The Colorado Department of Education is in the process of finalizing the revised ELGs.	<u>Age:</u> 3 to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Approaches to learning, social-emotional development, language development and communication, literacy, mathematics, science, creativity, and physical health and development	Colorado Model Content Standards for K–12, Head Start Child Outcome Standards, Office of Special Education Programs Child Outcomes, HighScope®, and Creative Curriculum®

Professional Development System Plan Status

Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Revising	No	Yes	The State issues a tiered early childhood credential. The second level is equal to required director qualifications. There is also an infant and toddler endorsement.

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)

The State has the Qualistar Rating System, a tool to measure quality in licensed centers, FCC homes, and preschool programs for children from birth to kindergarten. It assigns a rating of one to four stars to each program.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Department of Community and Cultural Affairs 1341 Ascension Drive Caller Box 10007 Saipan, MP 96950 Phone: 670-664-2575			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families, issues provider payments, and provides resource and referral services. The Lead Agency implements quality activities in coordination with government and nongovernmental agencies. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$1,419.00	\$1,206.00	\$1,100.00	78%				
Three	\$1,763.00	\$1,499.00	\$1,383.00	78%				
Four	\$2,107.00	\$1,791.00	\$1,667.00	79%				
<u>Note:</u> SMI data are not available for the Territories. Income eligibility limits are based on the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines for FY 2006.								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					No			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
10% of cost of care	20% of cost of care	20% of cost of care	October 1, 2009	All families are required to pay a fee	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per child.								

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Commonwealth-wide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$300.00/month	\$300.00/month	\$300.00/month
Toddler	\$300.00/month	\$300.00/month	\$300.00/month
Preschool	\$300.00/month	\$300.00/month	\$300.00/month
School Age	\$250.00/month	\$250.00/month	\$250.00/month

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2009. Note: The rate structure has a single rate for children ages birth to 5 years old. License-exempt rates represent rates for relative care. The rate structure has a separate rate for FCC and group-home care. The rate structure has three school-age care rates; summer full-time care rates are presented. Rates are set at the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey or higher. Geographic area: Commonwealth-wide rates are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
Center-based providers must comply with child-staff ratio and group size requirements, complete at least 15 hours of training and technical assistance activities annually, comply with immunization requirements, and provide a safe physical environment conducive to learning.	Group-home providers must complete self-certifications as delineated in the Family Day Care Rating Scale, comply with child-staff ratio and group size requirements, complete at least 15 hours of training and technical assistance activities annually, and comply with immunization requirements.	FCC home providers must complete self-certifications, comply with child-staff ratio and group size requirements, complete at least 15 hours of training and technical assistance activities annually, and comply with immunization requirements.	Inhome providers must complete self-certifications, complete at least 15 hours of training and technical assistance activities annually, and comply with immunization requirements.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards			
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries	
All providers are subject to unannounced visits twice per year.	All are subject to background checks.	Providers must report serious injuries, but no timeframe is specified.	
Exemptions for Relatives:	Some or all relatives are subject to different health and safety requirements than other providers.		

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES			
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status			
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula	
Committees are being formed to begin the process of revising the ELGs.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 3 and 3 to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Social-emotional development, language, and mathematics	K-12 content standards, Head Start Child Outcome Standards, Creative Curriculum®, and Pebble Soup curriculum	

Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Developing	No	No	No activity reported

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
The Child Care Program is exploring the development of a QRIS for CNMI. Currently, centers are assessed annually using environment rating scales to identify specific training and technical assistance needs.			

Connecticut

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Connecticut Department of Social Services 25 Sigourney Street Hartford, CT 06106 Phone: 888-214-5437 Web site: http://www.ct.gov/dss/cwp/view.asp?a=2353&q=305178 Administrative rules/policy manual: http://www.ct.gov/dss/cwp/view.asp?a=2353&q=305180			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly issues provider payments and contracts with United Way of Connecticut, Inc., a nongovernmental organization, to determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families and provide resource and referral services. The Lead Agency also contracts with another government agency to issue provider payments and with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$5,537.00	\$4,706.00	\$2,768.00	50%				
Three	\$6,839.00	\$5,813.00	\$3,419.00	50%				
Four	\$8,142.00	\$6,921.00	\$4,071.00	50%				
SMI year: 2009								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
2% of gross income	10% of gross income	10% of gross income	July 1, 2009	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family.								

Connecticut

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Southwest Region			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$227.00/week	\$173.00/week	\$89.00/week
Toddler	\$227.00/week	\$173.00/week	\$89.00/week
Preschool	\$179.00/week	\$173.00/week	\$89.00/week
School Age	\$162.00/week	\$162.00/week	\$89.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: January 1, 2002. Note: The rate structure has a separate rate for FCC and group home child care. License-exempt rates are for care by relatives, in the child's home, or in recreational programs. Rates vary by category of care, and some rates are at the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey or higher. Differential rates are used for children with special needs and higher quality. Geographic area: Rates vary by region. Southwest Region rates are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS						
Licensing Requirements						
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers			
Not all providers are subject to licensing (e.g., those operated by a public school system or administered by a municipal agency and located in a public school building; and certain drop-in programs).	All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	Neighbors or relatives who provide care in the home of the child, and relatives (e.g., grandparent, aunt, and uncle) of the child who provide care at the relatives' home are exempt from licensing.			
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards						
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks		Reports of Serious Injuries			
Licensed centers and group homes are subject to unannounced visits once every 2 years and to "at least 33 1/3 percent" of the licensed family day care homes each year.	All providers are subject to background checks.		Centers and group homes are not subject to reporting requirements. FCC homes must report serious injuries or fatalities within 24 hours.			
Exemptions for Relatives:	All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.					
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES						
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status						
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains		Alignment With Standards and Curricula			
The State is implementing its preschool ELGs and making plans to disseminate infant and toddler ELGs.	Age: Birth to 5 Domains: Social-emotional development, cognitive development, physical development, creative arts, language and literacy, and mathematics		K–12 content standards, Head Start Child Outcome Standards, State performance standards, other States standards, and child assessment tools			
Professional Development System Plan Status						
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials			
Implementing activities through CT-Charts-a-Course	Yes	Yes	Connecticut offers a Director's Credential, Credential in Afterschool Education, and a Certificate in Infant-Toddler Care issued by Charter Oak State College.			
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)						
No activity reported						

Delaware

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Delaware Health and Social Services 1901 N. DuPont Highway, Lewis Building New Castle, DE 19720 Phone: 302-255-9670 Web site: http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dss/childcr.html Administrative rules/policy manual: http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title16/index.shtml#TopOfPage			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. It contracts with a nonprofit organization, the Family and Workplace Connection, to provide resource and referral services. It has also established a memorandum of understanding with the State Department of Education to implement quality activities, including the pilot quality rating and improvement system. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$4,517.00	\$3,839.00	\$2,430.00	54%				
Three	\$5,580.00	\$4,743.00	\$3,052.00	55%				
Four	\$6,642.00	\$5,646.00	\$3,676.00	55%				
SMI year: 2010								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
1% of the cost of care	80% of the cost of care	80% of the cost of care	October 1, 2009	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child.								

Delaware

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – New Castle County			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$147.50/week	\$112.50/week	\$105.00/week
Toddler	\$124.50/week	\$107.50/week	\$100.00/week
Preschool	\$110.40/week	\$87.00/week	\$58.00/week
School Age	\$110.40/week	\$87.00/week	\$58.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: 2006. Note: FCC rates are for licensed FCC homes. License-exempt rates are for inhome and relative care. Rates vary by category of care, and all rates are below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Geographic area: Rates vary by county. Rates for New Castle County are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS			
Licensing Requirements			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	Care provided by a relative in the home of the child or the relative is exempt from licensing. Care provided by a nonrelative (e.g., friend or neighbor) in the child's home is exempt from licensing
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards			
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries	
Unannounced visits occur for centers, as needed; for FCC homes, yearly and as needed; and for group providers, as needed.	All providers are subject to background checks	Licensed providers must report injuries within 1 business day, followed by a written report.	
Exemptions for Relatives:	All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.		
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES			
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status			
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula	
The Early Learning Foundations for School Success are currently under revision.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 3 and birth to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Language/literacy, mathematics, science, creative arts, social-emotional development, approaches to learning, and physical health and development	Delaware K-12 Standards and K-12 Grade Level Expectations, and Head Start Child Outcome Standards	
Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Implementing	Yes	Yes	The State has a 12-credit director credential and plans for credentials in infant and toddler care, special needs care, and school-age care.
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
Delaware Stars for Early Success establishes quality standards for programs and provides technical assistance and limited financial support to programs involved in Stars as they engage in quality improvement efforts. Delaware's QRIS is a five-level system, with "5" being the highest rating.			

District of Columbia

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Office of the State Superintendent of Education 717 14th Street NW., Suite 1200 Washington, DC 20005 Phone: 202-727-0284 Web site: http://www.osse.dc.gov/seo/cwp/view,a,1224,q,561963,seoNav, 31193 .asp Administrative rules/policy manual: http://www.osse.dc.gov/seo/cwp/view,a,1224,Q,563713,PM,1.a.sp			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with a combination of other government and nongovernmental agencies to determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families and with nongovernmental agencies to assist parents in locating care. The Lead Agency implements quality activities in coordination with other government and nongovernmental agencies. ■ Approximately 46 percent of care is provided through contracts, which are offered through two memorandum of understanding agreements between the Lead Agency and the District of Columbia Department of Parks and Recreation and the District of Columbia Public Schools Head Start Program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$4,055.69	\$3,447.34	\$3,035.42	75%				
Three	\$5,009.97	\$4,258.47	\$3,814.58	76%				
Four	\$5,964.25	\$5,069.61	\$4,593.75	77%				
<u>SMI year:</u> 2009								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
No fee	\$13.08/day	\$9.81 for second child/no fee for additional children	October 1, 2009	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	No			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per child for the first two children.								

District of Columbia

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Districtwide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$40.70/day	\$28.49/day	\$16.82/day
Toddler	\$39.83/day	\$27.14/day	\$14.33/day
Preschool	\$29.21/day	\$22.03/day	\$14.33/day
School Age	\$19.85/day	\$20.00/day	\$13.92/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2005. Note: Rates vary by quality. Rates provided are for traditional full-time care at the Bronze Level. The rate includes a separate before- and after-school rate for preschool-age children. License-exempt rates are for relative care. The rate structure also includes a separate rate for inhome providers. Rates vary by category of care, and all rates are below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for quality care. Geographic area: Rates are districtwide, but vary by tier level.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS			
Licensing Requirements			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
All are subject to licensing.	Not applicable	All are subject to licensing.	All are exempt from licensing.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards			
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries	
Two unannounced monitoring visits are made yearly to each child care subsidy center and family based provider to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions in the contractual agreement.	All providers are subject to background checks.	All providers are required to report unusual incidents no later than 24 hours following the incident.	

Exemptions for Relatives: All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES			
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status			
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula	
The District of Columbia is implementing Early Learning Standards for Infants, Toddlers, and Pre-Kindergarten.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 3 and birth to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Approaches to learning, social-emotional development, language and literacy, mathematical thinking, scientific inquiry, and social studies	K-12 content standards, Head Start Child Outcome Standards, HighScope®, Creative Curriculum®, and other curricula	

Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Implementing	Yes	Yes	The District of Columbia has a Director Credential, Preschool Credential, School-age Credential, and Infant and toddler Credential.

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
Going for the Gold is a voluntary QRIS with three levels (Bronze, Silver, and Gold) built on licensing requirements. Providers at the Gold level must be accredited. The District is in the process of revising its QRIS.			

Florida

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Agency for Workforce Innovation Office of Early Learning 107 E. Madison Street, MSC #140 Tallahassee, FL, 32303 Phone: 850-921-3180 Web site: http://www.flready.com			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies, including the Department of Children and Families, to determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and implement quality activities. It also contracts with nongovernmental agencies to determine eligibility for non-TANF families, issue provider payments, and help parents find care. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,685.00	\$3,132.00	\$1,821.00	49%				
Three	\$4,552.00	\$3,869.00	\$2,289.00	50%				
Four	\$5,419.00	\$4,606.00	\$2,756.00	51%				
<u>SMI year:</u> 2009								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
\$0.80/day	\$11.20/day	Second and all additional children pay a reduced fee.	July 1, 2009	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per child. Parental fees vary by early learning coalition. Sliding fee scale for Miami-Dade/Monroe counties is presented.								

Florida

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Miami-Dade/Monroe Counties			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$117.00/week	\$101.00/week	\$50.00/week
Toddler	\$102.00/week	\$94.50/week	\$42.00/week
Preschool	\$93.00/week	\$83.00/week	\$41.00/week
School Age	\$83.00/week	\$78.00/week	\$39.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2009. Note: Rates vary by quality. Base rates are presented. Licensed-exempt rates are for informal providers. Rates vary by category of care, and some rates are at the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey or higher. Differential rates are used for children with special needs and higher quality. Geographic area: Rates vary by early learning coalition area. Rates for Miami-Dade/Monroe counties are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Licensing Requirements

Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
Programs that are part of churches or parochial schools and programs operated and staffed by public or nonpublic schools are exempt.	All are subject to licensing.	FCC homes are not required to be licensed unless mandated by a county licensing ordinance or county commissioners.	All informal providers are exempt from licensing.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards

Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries
Licensed centers are subject to unannounced inspections at least three times a year; twice a year for FCC homes.	All providers, whether licensed or unlicensed, are subject to background checks, with the exception of relatives and inhome care providers.	Providers must keep records of injuries or accidents but are not subject to reporting requirements.

Exemptions for Relatives: Some or all relatives are subject to different health and safety requirements than other providers.

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES

Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status

Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula
The Lead Agency is facilitating a statewide steering committee to revise previous versions of the ELGs into one comprehensive document for parents and child care providers.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 3, birth to 5, and 5 years and older <u>Domains:</u> Physical health, approaches to learning, social-emotional development, language and communication, emergent literacy, math and scientific thinking, social studies, arts, and motor development	Head Start Child Outcome Standards, Florida Sunshine State Education Standards for Kindergarten, and Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Standards

Professional Development System Plan Status

Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Developed	Yes	Yes	The State administers the Director Credential, the Florida Child Care Professional Certificate, school-age certification, and the VPK Director endorsement.

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)

The QRIS Multi-county Collaboration Workgroup is made up of early learning coalition staff. Eleven of 31 early learning coalitions have established QRIS in their communities.

Georgia

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Department of Human Services Division of Family and Children Services Child Care Unit Two Peachtree Street, NW, Suite 21-293 Atlanta, GA 30303-3142 Phone: 800-869-1150 Web site: http://dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov/caps			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families and provides resource and referral services. It contracts with Maximus, a private, forprofit contractor, to issue payments. It also contracts with other government agencies to implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,780.00	\$3,213.00	\$1,760.00	47%				
Three	\$4,670.00	\$3,969.00	\$2,213.00	47%				
Four	\$5,559.00	\$4,725.00	\$2,667.00	48%				
SMI year: 2009								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
No fee	\$44.00 family fee for one child	\$55.00 family fee for two children	October 1, 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Family co-payments are based on the family's gross annual income, family size, and the number of children actually receiving subsidized child care. The parental fee is per family. Fee is capped after the sixth child.								

Georgia

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Zone 1			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$139.00/week	\$110.00/week	\$90.00/week
Toddler	\$129.00/week	\$100.00/week	\$85.00/week
Preschool	\$114.00/week	\$96.00/week	\$67.00/week
School Age	\$65.00/week	\$50.00/week	\$50.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 2006. Note: The rate structure has the same rates for group home child care and center-based care. License-exempt care rates are for informal care (relatives and nonrelatives). Rates vary by category of care, and all rates are below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for children with special needs and other circumstances. Geographic area: Rates vary by three multicounty zones. Rates for Zone 1 are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS						
Licensing Requirements						
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers			
All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	Informal providers are not required to be licensed or registered.			
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards						
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks		Reports of Serious Injuries			
Centers, FCC homes, and group homes receive one unannounced visit per year.	All providers are subject to background checks.		Child care providers are required to report, within 24 hours, any serious injury to children requiring medical care.			
Exemptions for Relatives:	All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.					
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES						
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status						
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains		Alignment With Standards and Curricula			
The Department of Early Care and Learning is revising the Pre-K Content Standards for 4-year-old children enrolled in Georgia's Pre-K Program to be more congruent with the language in the Georgia Department of Education's Performance Standards for Kindergarten.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 3, birth to 5, and 5 years and older <u>Domains:</u> Language and literacy development, mathematics development, science development, social studies development, creative development, social-emotional development, and health and physical development		Head Start Child Outcome Standards, Georgia Pre-K Performance Indicators, Georgia Department of Education's Kindergarten Performance Standards, and Pre-K approved curricula			
Professional Development System Plan Status						
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials			
Implementing	Yes	Yes	The Technical College System of Georgia offers Technical Certificates of Credit for those who have completed 21–35 hours of post-secondary education at one of the technical colleges.			
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)						
No activity reported						

Guam

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services Division of Public Welfare 123 Chalan Karefa Mangilao, GU 96913-6403 Phone: 671-735-7256 Web site: http://www.dphss.guam.gov			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families, issues provider payments, and provides resource and referral services. The Lead Agency implements quality activities in coordination with other government and nongovernmental agencies. ■ Approximately 80 percent of care is provided through certificates, and the remaining 20 percent through grants and/or contracts. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		Percent of SMI			
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$4,194.00	\$3,565.00	\$2,128.00		Not applicable			
Three	\$4,722.00	\$4,014.00	\$2,674.00		Not applicable			
Four	\$5,250.00	\$4,463.00	\$3,220.00		Not applicable			
<u>Note:</u> SMI data are not available for the Territories. Income eligibility limits are based on the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines for FY 2009.								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
No fee	50% of cost of care	50% of cost of care	October 1, 2009	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per child.								

Guam

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Territory-wide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$250.00/week	\$250.00/week	\$250.00/week
Toddler	\$250.00/week	\$250.00/week	\$250.00/week
Preschool	\$250.00/week	\$250.00/week	\$250.00/week
School Age	\$200.00/week	\$200.00/week	\$200.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2009. Note: Rates vary by quality. Base rates are represented. There are four categories of license-exempt care, and rates for all categories are the same. Rates are set at the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey or higher. Differential rates are used for children with special needs and higher quality. Geographic area: Territory-wide rates are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
Center providers must undergo physical examinations; children must maintain current immunization schedules; physical facilities must comply with requirements of local agencies; and providers must complete 15 hours of training and technical assistance annually.	Group-home providers must undergo physical examinations; children must maintain current immunization schedules; physical facilities must comply with requirements of local agencies; and providers must complete 15 hours of training and technical assistance annually.	FCC providers must undergo physical examinations; children must maintain current immunization schedules; physical facilities must comply with requirements of local agencies; and providers must complete 15 hours of training and technical assistance annually.	Inhome providers must undergo physical examinations; children must maintain current immunization schedules; physical facilities must comply with requirements of the local agencies; and providers must complete 15 hours of training and technical assistance annually.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards

Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries
All providers receive monitoring visits quarterly.	All are subject to background checks.	Providers must report incidents, but no timeframe is specified.

Exemptions for Relatives: All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES

Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status			
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains		Alignment With Standards and Curricula
The Territory is revising the Early Learning Guidelines for Young Children From Birth to 36 Months.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Physical development, health and safety, self-concept, social-emotional development, creative development, language and literacy, and mathematics		Guam's Public School System Kindergarten Standards, Head Start Performance Standards, and Creative Curriculum®

Professional Development System Plan Status

Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Developed	Yes	Yes	Credentials for providers, including child care directors, are being reviewed by the University of Guam and Guam Community College for modification.

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)

The Territory is piloting a QRIS with 14 model child care centers using the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale.

Hawaii

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Department of Human Services Benefit, Employment and Support Services Division 820 Mililani Street, Suite 606 Honolulu, HI 96813 Phone: 808-586-0978 Web site: http://hawaii.gov/dhs/dhs/self-sufficiency/childcare Administrative rules/policy manual: http://hawaii.gov/dhs/main/har			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency and other nongovernmental agencies determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). The Lead Agency contracts with nongovernmental agencies, including Arbor Education & Training, to determine eligibility for non-TANF families and assist parents in locating care. It also contracts with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to issue provider payments and implement quality activities. ■ Approximately 37 percent of all care is provided through contracts, and the remaining through certificates. The majority of contracts are in place to serve children in afterschool programs. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,740.00	\$3,179.00	Not applicable	Not applicable				
Three	\$4,620.00	\$3,927.00	Not applicable	Not applicable				
Four	\$5,501.00	\$4,675.00	Not applicable	Not applicable				
SMI year: 2004								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
No fee	20% of payment rate	20% of payment rate	November 1, 2005	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is based on reimbursement rate per child.								

Hawaii

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Statewide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$1,395.00/month	\$650.00/month	\$500.00/month
Toddler	\$1,395.00/month	\$650.00/month	\$500.00/month
Preschool	\$675.00/month	\$600.00/month	\$450.00/month
School Age	\$155.00/month	\$155.00/month	\$60.00/month

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: August 1, 2008. Note: License-exempt rates are for relative, nonrelative, and group care. Licensed-exempt before- and after-school care rates are presented. Rates are set below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for higher quality. Geographic area: Statewide rates are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Licensing Requirements			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
Not all providers are subject to licensing (e.g., organizations or community associations caring for school-age children, child care programs operated by the State Department of Education and county agencies, and military facilities).	All are subject to licensing.	Providers caring for children in their own residences must be registered	Providers caring for eligible children in the children's homes are exempt from licensing.
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards			
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks		Reports of Serious Injuries
All licensed providers receive one unannounced visit per year.	All providers are subject to background checks.		Providers are not subject to reporting requirements for serious injuries.
Exemptions for Relatives:	Some or all relatives are subject to different health and safety requirements than other providers.		

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES

Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status			
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains		Alignment With Standards and Curricula
The Hawaii Preschool Content Standards for 4-year-old children and the Developmental Guidelines for children ages birth to 3 years are used to implement the provider incentive program.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Social-emotional growth, physical health and well-being, cognitive development, creative development, and communication		Head Start Performance Standards; and Hawaii Public School's General Learner Outcomes, Content, and Performance Standards
Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Developing	No activity reported	No activity reported	No activity reported
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
No activity reported			

Idaho

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare 450 W. State Street Boise, ID 83720 Phone: 208-334-5656 Web site: http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov Administrative rules/policy manual: http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Children/ChildCare/tabid/292/Default.aspx			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. It contracts with government and nongovernmental agencies, such as the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children, to provide resource and referral services and implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,431.73	\$2,916.97	\$1,540.00	45%				
Three	\$4,239.20	\$3,603.32	\$1,932.00	46%				
Four	\$5,046.67	\$4,289.67	\$2,323.00	46%				
<u>SMI year:</u> 2010								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
7% of allowable child care cost	96% of allowable child care cost	96% of allowable child care cost	May 2008	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per child.								

Idaho

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Region IV			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$594.00/month	\$505.00/month	\$489.00/month
Toddler	\$539.00/month	\$473.00/month	\$460.00/month
Preschool	\$492.00/month	\$460.00/month	\$460.00/month
School Age	\$301.00/month	\$301.00/month	\$301.00/month

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: January 2001. Note: Licensed FCC rates represent rates for group-home care. License-exempt rates represent rates for family day care. Rates vary by category of care, and all rates are below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Geographic area: Rates vary by region. Rates for Region IV are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS			
Licensing Requirements			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	Family providers caring for six or fewer children are exempt from licensing.	All are exempt from licensing.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards		
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries
Providers are not subject to routine unannounced visits.	All providers are subject to background checks.	Providers are not subject to reporting requirements for serious injuries.

Exemptions for Relatives: All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES			
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status			
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula	
The State's ELGs are being reviewed by national experts.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 3, birth to 5, and 5 years and older <u>Domains:</u> Approaches to learning and cognitive development; physical well-being, health, and motor development; social-emotional development; general knowledge; communication; and language and literacy	K-12 content standards and Head Start Child Outcome Standards	

Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
The State does not have a plan, but has a contract with the University of Idaho in partnership with Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (AEYC) to develop, implement, and revise Idaho's voluntary professional development system.	Yes	Yes	No activity reported

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
The IdahoSTARS QRIS began statewide implementation in January 2010 after pilot trials during 2007–2008. Administered by the Idaho AEYC, the system includes five levels and eight categories of quality standards.			

Illinois

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION									
Lead Agency Contact Information		Administration of the Program							
Illinois Department of Human Services 400 W. Lawrence, 3rd Floor Springfield, IL 62762 Phone: 877-202-4453 Web site: http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=29720 Administrative rules/policy manual: http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=9877		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with child care resource and referral (CCR&R) agencies and child care site programs to determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families. The Lead Agency contracts with CCR&R agencies to help parents find care, and it works with CCR&R agencies to issue provider payments. The Lead Agency also contracts with the Illinois Network of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies and with other CCR&R agencies to implement quality activities. ■ The Lead Agency contracted with 52 agencies for site-administered child care in FY 2008. In comparison, more than 78,000 providers participated through the certificate program during the same time period. 							
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED									
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)									
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility						
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI					
Two	\$4,101.00	\$3,486.00	\$2,429.00	59%					
Three	\$5,066.00	\$4,306.00	\$3,052.00	60%					
Four	\$6,031.00	\$5,126.00	\$3,675.00	61%					
<u>SMI year:</u> 2008									
Age Eligibility Criteria									
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.									
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes				
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes				
Waiting Lists									
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.									
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization									
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.									
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three									
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider				
\$1.00/month	\$137.00/month	\$138.00/month	July 1, 2008	All families are required to pay a fee	Yes				
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per family. Maximum fee increases for each additional child.									

Illinois

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Group 1A			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$40.50/day	\$26.60/day	\$12.75/day
Toddler	\$34.20/day	\$25.60/day	\$12.75/day
Preschool	\$28.50/day	\$24.00/day	\$12.75/day
School Age	\$14.25/day	\$12.00/day	\$12.75/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2008. Note: The rate structure uses the same rate for licensed group day care homes and licensed day care homes. License-exempt rates represent rates for license-exempt day care homes, nonrelative care in the child's home, or relative care or inhome care. Rates vary by category of care, and some rates are at the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey or higher. Differential rates are used for higher quality and infant care. Geographic area: Rates vary by groups of counties. Rates for Group 1A are presented. License-exempt rates are statewide.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS			
Licensing Requirements			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
Some programs are exempt from licensing (e.g., facilities operated by the State Board of Education or local school districts, those operated by religious organizations, and recreational facilities).	All are subject to licensing.	FCC homes caring for no more than three children, including the provider's children, or children from a single household are exempt from licensing.	Relatives or nonrelatives caring for no more than three children or children from a single household, in the child(ren)'s home, are exempt from licensing

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards			
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries	
Licensed FCC homes, group child care homes, and child care centers are subject to at least one unannounced visit per year.	All providers are subject to background checks.	Providers must immediately report serious injuries or deaths.	
Exemptions for Relatives:	All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.		

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES			
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status			
Status of Implementation		Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula
The State's ELGs are being implemented in Preschool for All, Illinois prekindergarten program.		Age: Birth to 3, 3 to 5, and 5 years and older Domains: Physical development, social-emotional development, fine arts, foreign language, science, social science, language, and mathematics	K-12 content standards, Head Start Child Outcome Standards, HighScope®, and Creative Curriculum®

Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Implementing	Yes	Yes	The State offers the Director Credential for administrative competence, the Early Childhood Education Credential Levels 1–5, and the Infant and Toddler Credential Levels 2–5.

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
The Illinois Quality Counts: Quality Rating System (QRS) was implemented in State Fiscal Year 2008. This voluntary system is available to license-exempt FCC providers, licensed FCC providers, and licensed centers.			

Indiana

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Indiana Family and Social Services Administration Division of Family Resources 402 West Washington Street, W-386 Indianapolis, IN 46204 Phone: 877-511-1144 Web site: http://in.gov/fssa/carefinder/ Administrative rules/policy manual: http://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/2734.htm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and implement quality activities. It contracts with nongovernmental agencies to determine eligibility for non-TANF families, including community action programs, and with child care resource and referral agencies to help parents find care. The Lead Agency also contracts with a private forprofit agency to issue provider payments. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,841.00	\$3,265.00	\$1,542.00	40%				
Three	\$4,745.00	\$4,033.00	\$1,938.00	41%				
Four	\$5,649.00	\$4,802.00	\$2,334.00	41%				
<u>SMI year:</u> 2009								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months. Services are authorized for 4 weeks for job search activities, less than 6 months for TANF families, and less than 6 months for families with new employment and/or who cannot document 30 days of income.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
No fee	7% of income	7% of income	May 3, 2009	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per family. Family fee will increase by 1 percent per year of participation not to exceed 15 percent.								

Indiana

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Marion County			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$218.00/week	\$130.00/week	\$95.00/week
Toddler	\$188.00/week	\$125.00/week	\$89.00/week
Preschool	\$160.00/week	\$100.00/week	\$79.00/week
School Age	\$87.00/week	\$76.00/week	\$63.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2009. Note: Rates vary by quality. The rate structure has three school-age rates (kindergarten, school-age before/after, and school-age all other). School-age before/after rates are presented. License-exempt rates are for legally/license-exempt homes. The rate structure includes a separate rate for legally/license-exempt facilities. Rates are set below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for higher quality. Geographic area: Rates vary by county. Rates for Marion County are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS						
Licensing Requirements						
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers			
Not all providers are subject to licensing (e.g., school based, those operated by religious organizations, recreational facilities, and part-time facilities).	Not applicable	FCC homes are exempt if providers care only for children related to them, care for fewer than six children not related to them, or operate to serve migrant children.	Providers receiving CCDF benefits must be certified and enrolled with the State.			
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards						
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries				
Licensed centers receive annual unannounced visits; FCC homes are visited every other year, rotating announced/unannounced; ministries are visited semiannually; and exempt facilities do not receive unannounced visits.	All providers are subject to background checks.	Only licensed centers are subject to reporting requirements; no timeframe is specified.				
Exemptions for Relatives:	All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.					
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES						
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status						
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula				
The State is implementing the Foundations to the Indiana Academic Standards for Young Children, which were revised in 2006 to include infants and toddlers.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 5 <u>Domains:</u> English/language arts, math and science, social studies, health and physical education, and music and visual arts	K-12 content standards and Head Start Performance Standards				
Professional Development System Plan Status						
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials			
No activity reported	No activity reported	No activity reported	No activity reported			
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)						
The Lead Agency implemented Paths to QUALITY, a voluntary statewide QRIS, in FY 2008. The quality standards are based on early childhood research and identify the most critical indicators of a quality learning environment. All regulated child care providers have the opportunity to participate.						

Iowa

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Iowa Department of Human Services Division of Child and Family Services Hoover State Office Building 1305 E. Walnut, 5th Floor Des Moines, IA 50319-0114 Phone: 515-281-7266 Web site: http://www.dhs.iowa.gov Administrative rules/policy manual: Administrative rules and procedures for child care assistance can be found at http://www.dhs.iowa.gov under "Publications – DHS Employee Manuals and Administrative Rules."			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. The Lead Agency contracts with child care resource and referral agencies to help parents find care and with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$4,022.00	\$3,418.00	\$1,762.00	44%				
Three	\$4,968.00	\$4,223.00	\$2,213.00	45%				
Four	\$5,914.00	\$5,027.00	\$2,665.00	45%				
SMI year: 2010								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply and has a process to establish a waiting list when conditions warrant.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
No fee	\$3.45/half-unit	\$3.70/half-unit	July 1, 2009	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	No			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family.								

Iowa

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Statewide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$15.81/day	\$12.24/day	\$8.19/day
Toddler	\$15.81/day	\$12.24/day	\$8.19/day
Preschool	\$12.75/day	\$11.48/day	\$7.19/day
School Age	\$11.48/day	\$10.20/day	\$7.36/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2008. Note: Rates for licensed FCC represent rates for the child development home category A&B. Rates are for half-day care. Half-day care is up to 5 hours of care per 24-hour period. License-exempt rates represent those for nonregistered FCC homes. Rates vary by category of care, and all rates are below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for children with special needs, higher quality, and infant care. Geographic area: Statewide rates are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS			
Licensing Requirements			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	FCC homes are not required to be licensed. Registration is required when caring for six or more children; otherwise, registration is a voluntary, self-certification process.	Inhome providers are exempt from licensing, but must provide care to at least three children to be eligible for CCDF participation.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards			
Unannounced Visits		Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries
At least one unannounced visit is conducted annually to licensed child care centers; 20 percent of registered child development homes in each category are visited annually, and visits may be unannounced.		All providers are subject to background checks.	Providers are required to report to parents only.
Exemptions for Relatives: All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.			

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES			
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status			
Status of Implementation		Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula
The State is implementing ELGs for infants and toddlers and preschool children.		Age: Birth to 3 and birth to 5 Domains: Physical well-being and motor development, approaches to learning, social-emotional development, communication, language and literacy, mathematics and science, and creative arts	K-12 content standards, State performance standards, HighScope®, Creative Curriculum®, and Early Literacy curriculum

Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Developing	No activity reported	No activity reported	No activity reported

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
The Iowa Quality Rating System is voluntary for FCC homes, licensed child care centers and preschools, and child care programs that are operated by school districts.			

Kansas

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services Docking State Office Building 915 SW Harrison Street Topeka, KS 66612 Phone: 785-296-3349 Web site: http://www.srskansas.org Administrative rules/policy manual: Guidelines for administering the child care subsidy program are available in the <i>Kansas Economic and Employment Support Manual</i> , which is available at http://content.srs.ks.gov/ees/keesm/keesm.htm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families. It contracts with the Kansas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies to help parents find care and with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. The Lead Agency also contracts with a private, forprofit agency to issue provider payments. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,848.00	\$3,271.00	\$2,246.00	58%				
Three	\$4,753.00	\$4,040.00	\$2,823.00	59%				
Four	\$5,658.00	\$4,809.00	\$3,400.00	60%				
SMI year: 2009								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
No fee	\$243.00/month	\$243.00/month	May 1, 2009	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family.								

Kansas

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Douglas County			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$4.48/hour	\$3.12/hour	\$1.95/hour
Toddler	\$3.85/hour	\$2.72/hour	\$1.63/hour
Preschool	\$3.12/hour	\$2.72/hour	\$1.63/hour
School Age	\$2.98/hour	\$2.72/hour	\$1.63/hour

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: Relative provider rates are effective as of February 2005. Licensed and registered provider rates are effective as of February 2002. Note: FCC rates are for licensed/group homes. License-exempt rates are for relative home care settings. Rates vary by category of care, and all rates are below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for children with special needs. Geographic area: Rates vary by county. Rates for Douglas County are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS						
Licensing Requirements						
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers			
All are subject to licensing except centers on Tribal lands or Federal property.	All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	Care provided in the child's home is exempt from licensing.			
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards						
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks		Reports of Serious Injuries			
Providers are not subject to unannounced visits.	All providers are subject to background checks.		Any injury or illness that results in the death of a child must be reported by the next business day.			
Exemptions for Relatives:	Some or all relatives are subject to different health and safety requirements than other providers.					
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES						
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status						
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains		Alignment With Standards and Curricula			
The State is implementing the Kansas ELGs by distributing copies and conducting training. Plans are underway to develop a modified version of the ELGs aimed specifically at parents and families.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Physical development, social-emotional development, communication, language and literacy, and mathematics		Kansas Early Learning Standards for Grades Kindergarten to Three, Head Start Child Outcome Standards, and Creative Curriculum®			
Professional Development System Plan Status						
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials			
Implementing	Yes	Yes	A director's credential was developed and approved jointly with the State of Missouri. The State also has the Infant Mental Health Credential and the Infant Mental Health Endorsement System.			
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)						
The Lead Agency supports the administrative infrastructure for the Kansas Quality Rating System (KQRS) and 22 of the participating classrooms. This rating system is based on a model developed in Colorado and is being evaluated by the RAND Corporation.						

Kentucky

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Cabinet for Health and Family Services Department for Community Based Services Division of Child Care 275 E. Main Street, 3C-F Frankfort, KY 40621 Phone: 502-564-2524 Web site: http://www.chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dcc/			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and issues provider payments. It contracts with nongovernmental agencies to determine eligibility for non-TANF families and help parents find care. The Lead Agency implements quality activities in coordination with other government and nongovernmental agencies. ■ Care is provided through certificates as well as grants and contracts. Grants or contracts may be made with licensed child care centers or certified family child care home providers who serve eligible families at seven sites where there is a collaborative Head Start effort for contracted services. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,117.00	\$2,650.00	\$1,821.00	58%				
Three	\$3,850.00	\$3,273.00	\$2,289.00	59%				
Four	\$4,583.00	\$3,896.00	\$2,756.00	60%				
<u>SMI year:</u> 2008								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
No fee	\$11.00/day	\$12.00/day for two or more children	May 1, 2008	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per family and increases for families with two or more children.								

Kentucky

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Central Region			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$24.00/day	\$21.00/day	\$13.00/day
Toddler	\$24.00/day	\$21.00/day	\$13.00/day
Preschool	\$21.00/day	\$19.00/day	\$12.00/day
School Age	\$20.00/day	\$18.00/day	\$11.00/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: November 1, 2006. Note: License-exempt rates represent rates for providers who are not licensed or certified but are registered to provide care for children receiving subsidies. Rates vary by category of care, and some rates are at the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey or higher. Differential rates are used for children with special needs, higher quality, and nontraditional hour care. Geographic area: Rates vary by region and urban/nonurban area. Urban rates for Central Region are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS						
Licensing Requirements						
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers			
All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	Not subject to licensing.			
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards						
Unannounced Visits		Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries			
Providers are not subject to unannounced visits.		All providers are subject to background checks.	Injuries must be reported, but no timeframe is specified. Any death of a child or staff member must be reported within 1 hour.			
Exemptions for Relatives:	All relative providers are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.					
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES						
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status						
Status of Implementation		Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula			
The State is revising its ELGs. It is including a section about approaches to learning and revising text so that it emphasize the inclusion of children with special needs.		<u>Age:</u> Birth to 3, birth to 5, and 5 years and older <u>Domains:</u> Language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, health education, physical education, and arts and humanities	K-12 content standards, Creative Curriculum®, HighScope®, Learning Accomplishment Profile, Work Sampling System®, and Assessment Evaluation Programming System			
Professional Development System Plan Status						
Status of Implementation		Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials			
Implementing		Yes	Kentucky has three credentials: the Commonwealth Child Care Credential, the Director's Credential, and the Early Care and Education Trainer's Credential.			
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)						
The State has STARS for KIDS NOW, a statewide, voluntary QRIS for licensed centers, FCC homes, and certified FCC homes. This system uses a scale of four rating levels to identify levels of quality.						

Louisiana

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Department of Social Services P.O. Box 94065 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9065 Phone: 225-342-2342 Web site: http://www.dss.louisiana.gov Administrative rules/policy manual: http://stellent.dss.state.la.us/LADSS/whatsNewResults.do?agency=OFS&status=Active&numResults=10&sortSpec=dInDate+Desc+dDocTitle+Asc+xStatus+Asc			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. It has contracts and agreements with other government and nongovernmental agencies, including child care resource and referral agencies, to help parents find care and implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,409.00	\$2,898.00	\$2,557.00	75%				
Three	\$4,211.00	\$3,579.00	\$3,158.00	75%				
Four	\$5,013.00	\$4,261.00	\$3,760.00	75%				
SMI year: 2009								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
20% of cost of care	60% of cost of care	60% of cost of care	May 1, 2009	Yes, some families at or below poverty	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child.								

Louisiana

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Statewide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$18.50/day	\$16.00/day	\$15.50/day
Toddler	\$18.50/day	\$16.00/day	\$15.50/day
Preschool	\$17.50/day	\$15.00/day	\$14.50/day
School Age	\$17.50/day	\$15.00/day	\$14.50/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: January 2007. Note: License-exempt rates are for inhome providers certified to care for children receiving child care assistance. FCC homes are not licensed in Louisiana. Rates provided are for FCC homes registered to care for children receiving child care assistance. Rates vary by category of care, and some rates are at the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey or higher. Differential rates are used for children with special needs and infant care. Geographic area: Statewide rates are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS								
Licensing Requirements								
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers					
Licensing is required, with the exception of public and nonpublic schools that operate prekindergarten, before- and after-school care, and summer programs.	Not applicable	FCC providers are not required to be licensed but must be registered to receive Federal funds.	Inhome providers are exempt from licensing but are certified.					
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards								
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries						
Providers are not subject to unannounced visits.	All providers are subject to background checks.	Licensed (class A) providers must report injuries or deaths within 24 hours or the next business day. Other types of child care providers are not required to report such injuries.						
Exemptions for Relatives:	All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.							
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES								
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status								
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains		Alignment With Standards and Curricula					
The Lead Agency published the Louisiana Early Learning Guidelines Birth Through Three following the Louisiana Department of Education's release of Standards for Programs Serving Four-year-old Children.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 3 and birth to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Social-emotional development, cognitive math, cognitive science, cognitive social studies, creative development, and health and physical development		Louisiana K-4 content standards, Head Start Performance Standards, Head Start Child Outcome Standards, environment rating scales, National Association for the Education of Young Children accreditation standards, and Creative Curriculum®					
Professional Development System Plan Status								
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials					
Revising	Yes	Yes	No activity reported					
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)								
Quality Start is Louisiana's voluntary QRIS. The Department of Social Services formed a new division, the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education, to lead the effort to design and implement a QRIS in Louisiana.								

Maine

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Maine Department of Health and Human Services State House Station #11 2 Anthony Avenue Augusta, ME 04333 Phone: 207-624-7999 Web site: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/ec/occhs/			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility and issues provider payments for families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). It contracts with nongovernmental agencies to determine eligibility and issue payments for non-TANF families, help parents find care, and implement quality activities. ■ Approximately 33 percent of care is provided through contracts with 21 agencies across the State. The remaining care is provided through vouchers. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,794.00	\$3,225.00	\$3,035.42	80%				
Three	\$4,686.00	\$3,983.00	\$3,814.58	81%				
Four	\$5,579.00	\$4,742.00	\$4,593.75	82%				
SMI year: 2010								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months. Families have to report that information is still accurate every 6 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
2% of weekly gross income	10% of weekly gross income	10% of weekly gross income	October 1, 2009	All families are required to pay a fee	No			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family. The total amount of fees assessed to a family for all of its children shall not exceed 10 percent of the family's gross income.								

Maine

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Cumberland County			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$200.00/week	\$150.00/week	\$105.00/week
Toddler	\$186.00/week	\$150.00/week	\$105.00/week
Preschool	\$167.00/week	\$135.00/week	\$95.00/week
School Age	\$140.00/week	\$125.00/week	\$88.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2009. Note: License-exempt rates are for legal unregulated care. Unregulated provider rates are set at 70 percent of the FCC rate. Rates are set at the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey or higher. Differential rates are used for higher quality and nontraditional hour care. Geographic area: Rates vary by county. Rates for Cumberland County are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS						
Licensing Requirements						
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers			
All providers must be licensed with the exception of recreational and afterschool programs operated by the school system.	Not applicable	Licensing is required except for FCC providers who care for two or fewer children.	Inhome providers are exempt from licensing.			
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards						
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks		Reports of Serious Injuries			
Licensed providers receive one unannounced visit during the 2-year period between renewals.	All providers are subject to background checks.		Providers are required to report injuries to parents only.			
Exemptions for Relatives:	Some or all relatives are subject to different health and safety requirements than other providers.					
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES						
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status						
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains		Alignment With Standards and Curricula			
Maine is implementing its ELGs by embedding them in the Maine quality rating and improvement system. An 18-hour training about the implementation of the ELGs has been developed.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 3 and 3 to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Social-emotional development, cognitive development, physical development, health, creative arts, language and literacy, and mathematics		K-12 content standards, Head Start Child Outcome Standards, quality rating and improvement system standards, and child assessment tools			
Professional Development System Plan Status						
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials			
Maine has had a professional development system in place since 2000.	Yes	Yes	Maine has developed an infant and toddler credential and has submitted it to the Office of Head Start for approval as an alternative to the Infant and Toddler Child Development Associate Credential.			
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)						
Maine launched a four-step QRIS in March 2008, with separate tracks for center-based programs, school-age programs, FCC homes, and Head Start. This system was designed to utilize existing quality structures, such as the Maine Roads to Quality Registry.						

Maryland

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Maryland State Department of Education 200 W. Baltimore Street, 10th Floor Baltimore, MD 21201 Phone: 410-767-7128 Web site: http://www.marylandpublicschools.org			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency has a memorandum of understanding with the Maryland Department of Human Resources to determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families and issue provider payments. The Lead Agency also contracts with nongovernmental agencies to help parents find care. The Lead Agency implements quality activities in coordination with government and nongovernmental agencies. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		Percent of SMI			
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$4,046.00	\$3,439.00	\$2,023.00	50%				
Three	\$4,998.00	\$4,249.00	\$2,499.00	50%				
Four	\$5,950.00	\$5,058.00	\$2,975.00	50%				
<u>SMI year:</u> 2001								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply and has a process to establish a waiting list when conditions warrant.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months. TANF families involved in job search activities are authorized services for 30 days. Families who need additional time to comply with child support/immunization requirements are authorized services for 2 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
1% of total gross annual income	16% of total gross annual income	12% of total gross annual income for second and third child	January 1, 2002	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per child. There are no additional fees for more children beyond the third child.								

Maryland

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Region BC			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$180.00/week	\$134.75/week	\$65.48/week
Toddler	\$106.85/week	\$102.68/week	\$51.95/week
Preschool	\$106.85/week	\$102.68/week	\$51.95/week
School Age	\$106.85/week	\$102.68/week	\$51.95/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 15, 2007. Note: Rates provided are for traditional three units (6 hours or more of care per day). License-exempt represents rates for relative care, nonrelative care in the child's home, and care by other nonrelatives for fewer than 20 hours per month. Rates are set below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are for higher quality. Geographic area: Rates vary by region. Rates for Region BC are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS			
Licensing Requirements			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
All are subject to licensing.	Not applicable	All are subject to licensing.	The following are exempt from licensing: relative care provided by a person related to the child in either the relative's home or in the child's home, and inhome care provided to a child in the child's own residence by a nonrelative.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards			
Unannounced Visits		Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries
Centers and FCC homes receive one unannounced visit per year.		All providers are subject to background checks.	Centers and FCC homes must report injuries or deaths within 24 hours.
Exemptions for Relatives:		All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.	

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES			
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status			
Status of Implementation		Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula
The State is implementing its ELGs. The ELGs will be reviewed during the next year, and specific training modules will be developed.		Age: Birth to 3, birth to 5, and 5 years and older Domains: Personal and social development, physical development, cognitive development, prewriting skills, science, social studies, and art and dramatic play	K-12 content standards and Maryland Model for School Readiness curricula framework

Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Implementing	Yes	Yes	The State implemented a Director's Credential in 2007.

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
The Office of Child Care Advisory Council has developed a workgroup to expand the Tiered Reimbursement program into a comprehensive QRIS. The components of a QRIS have been developed, and criteria has been established.			

Massachusetts

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Department of Early Education and Care 51 Sleeper Street, 4th Floor Boston, MA 02210 Phone: 617-988-6600 Web site: http://www.eec.state.ma.us Administrative rules/policy manual: http://www.eec.state.ma.us/docs/FinancialAssistancePolicyGuideline031209.pdf			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance to determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). It contracts with other government and nongovernmental agencies to determine eligibility for non-TANF families. The Lead Agency and other nongovernmental agencies help parents find care, issue provider payments, and implement quality activities. ■ Approximately 65 percent of care is provided through contracts. The remainder is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		Percent of SMI			
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$5,290.00	\$4,496.00	\$2,645.00	50%	50%			
Three	\$6,535.00	\$5,554.00	\$3,267.00	50%	50%			
Four	\$7,779.00	\$6,612.00	\$3,890.00	50%	50%			
<u>SMI year:</u> 2009								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
No fee	\$95.00/week	Families pay a discounted fee for each additional child	July 1, 2009	Yes, all families at or below poverty	No			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per child.								

Massachusetts

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Region 6			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$54.55/day	\$31.50/day	\$15.00/day
Toddler	\$48.40/day	\$31.50/day	\$15.00/day
Preschool	\$36.70/day	\$27.85/day	\$15.00/day
School Age	\$17.50/day	\$27.85/day	\$15.00/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2009. Note: The Lead Agency has a separate rate for school-age care. License-exempt rates are for informal child care. Rates vary by category of care, and all rates are below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for higher quality. Geographic area: Rates vary by region. Region 6 rates are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS								
Licensing Requirements								
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers					
Centers are exempt from licensing if they are part of a public or private organized educational system (a school or facility operated by a religious institution caring for children during short periods of time).	All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	All inhome providers are exempt from licensing.					
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards								
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries						
The licensing unit's goal is one unannounced visit per year or per licensing cycle, whichever is shorter.	All providers are subject to background checks with the exception of inhome relative providers.	Injuries or deaths must be reported immediately.						
Exemptions for Relatives:	Some or all relatives are subject to different health and safety requirements than other providers.							
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES								
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status								
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains		Alignment With Standards and Curricula					
The Guidelines for Preschool Learning Experiences are used for curriculum development, instruction, and assessment in all public preschools, are a requirement for Universal Pre-Kindergarten programs, and are being incorporated into the Department of Early Education and Care's quality rating and improvement system.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Cognitive, health, creative arts, language and literacy, and mathematics		Standards for Pre-Kindergarten Through Kindergarten in the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks, prekindergarten curriculum, and child assessment tools					
Professional Development System Plan Status								
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials					
Revising	No	Yes	A committee of the Workforce Task Force is working on a set of credentials.					
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)								
Massachusetts is in the process of creating a QRIS. The QRIS will serve as a framework for organizing all of the functions of an early care and education system in the State.								

Michigan

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Department of Human Services P.O. Box 30037 Lansing, MI 48909 Phone: 800-444-5364 Web site: http://www.michigan.gov/childcare Administrative rules/policy manual: http://www.michigan.gov/dhs or http://www.mfia.state.mi.us/olmweb/ex/html/			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. The Lead Agency contracts with the Early Childhood Investment Corporation to help parents find care and implement quality activities. The Lead Agency also has interagency agreements with the Michigan Department of Education and the Michigan Department of Community Health to implement some quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$4,258.00	\$3,620.00	\$1,607.00	38%				
Three	\$5,260.00	\$4,471.00	\$1,990.00	38%				
Four	\$6,262.00	\$5,323.00	\$2,367.00	38%				
SMI year: 2010								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
5% of payment rate	30% of payment rate	30% of payment rate	February 1, 2003	Yes, some families at or below poverty	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per child.								

Michigan

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Shelter Area IV			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$2.98/hour	\$2.08/hour	\$1.95/hour
Toddler	\$2.98/hour	\$2.08/hour	\$1.95/hour
Preschool	\$2.33/hour	\$2.08/hour	\$1.95/hour
School Age	\$2.33/hour	\$2.08/hour	\$1.95/hour

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: May 2008. Note: FCC and group home care have the same rate. License-exempt rates represent rates for relative care. Rates vary by category of care, and some rates are at the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey or higher. Differential rates are used for infant care. Geographic area: Rates vary by shelter area, which include multiple counties. Rates for Shelter Area IV are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Licensing Requirements

Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
Centers on Federal land (military or Tribal facilities) are exempt from licensing, as are onsite drop-in facilities.	Group homes on Federal land (military or Tribal facilities) are exempt from licensing, as are onsite drop-in facilities.	FCC homes on Federal land (military or Tribal facilities) are exempt from licensing, as are onsite drop-in facilities.	All inhome providers are exempt from licensing.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards

Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries
Interim inspections every other year for centers and group homes may be scheduled or unscheduled; a 10-percent sample of FCC homes in each county/each year may be scheduled or unscheduled.	All providers are subject to background checks.	Centers, group homes, and FCC homes are required to report serious injuries within 24 hours.

Exemptions for Relatives: Some or all relatives are subject to different health and safety requirements than other providers.

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES

Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status

Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula
The State is implementing the Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Prekindergarten, which includes Quality Program Standards for Preschool and Prekindergarten Programs and Early Learning Expectations for 3- and 4-year-old Children.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 3, 3 to 5, and 5 years and older <u>Domains:</u> Approaches to learning, social-emotional development, intellectual development, creative development, physical development and health, science, social studies, and technology	K–12 content standards and Head Start Child Outcome Standards

Professional Development System Plan Status

Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Developing	No activity reported	No activity reported	No activity reported

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)

No activity reported

Minnesota

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Minnesota Department of Human Services P.O. Box 64951 Saint Paul, MN 55164-0951 Phone: 651-431-4000 Web site: http://www.dhs.state.mn.us Administrative rules/policy manual: http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/county_access/documents/pub/dhs16_144078.pdf			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency issues provider payments. It contracts with county departments of human services to determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families. It also contracts with nongovernmental agencies, including child care resource and referral (CCR&R) agencies, to help parents find care and implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$4,729.00	\$4,020.00	\$2,222.00	47%				
Three	\$5,841.00	\$4,965.00	\$2,745.00	47%				
Four	\$6,954.00	\$5,911.00	\$3,268.00	47%				
SMI year: 2009								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
No fee	\$65.00/biweekly	\$65.00/biweekly	July 2009	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family.								

Minnesota

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Hennepin County			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$266.40/week	\$167.17/week	\$2.67/hour
Toddler	\$218.94/week	\$160.17/week	\$2.57/hour
Preschool	\$198.45/week	\$145.60/week	\$2.33/hour
School Age	\$190.91/week	\$134.82/week	\$2.16/hour

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2006. Note: Rates vary by quality. Standard, weekly rates are presented. License-exempt rates represent rates for legal nonlicensed providers. Legal nonlicensed providers are paid on an hourly basis at 80 percent of the maximum rate for licensed FCC providers. Rates vary by category of care, and all rates are below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for children with special needs, higher quality, and nontraditional hour care. Geographic area: Rates vary by regional groups of counties. Rates for Hennepin County are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS						
Licensing Requirements						
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers			
Not all providers are subject to licensing (e.g., facilities operated by school systems, summer camps, recreational programs, and part-time care).	All are subject to licensing.	Relatives and unrelated providers caring for children from a single related family are exempt from licensing.	All inhome providers are exempt from licensing.			
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards						
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks		Reports of Serious Injuries			
Licensed providers are subject to unannounced visits, the frequency of which is determined by the licensing authority in each county.	All providers are subject to background checks.		Licensed providers must immediately report serious injuries.			
Exemptions for Relatives:	All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.					
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES						
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status						
Status of Implementation		Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula			
The State is implementing the Minnesota Early Learning Guidelines by disseminating the document, delivering training, and embedding the guidelines in the pilot quality rating and improvement system.		Age: Birth to 3 and birth to 5 Domains: Social-emotional development, approaches to learning, language and literacy, development, creativity and the arts, cognitive development, and physical and motor development	K-12 content standards and Head Start Child Outcome Standards			
Professional Development System Plan Status						
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials			
Developing	Yes	Yes	The State has Director's credential. Efforts are underway to develop an Infant and toddler credential			
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)						
The Lead Agency is collaborating with the Minnesota Early Learning Foundation, the Minnesota CCR&R Network, the University of Minnesota Center for Early Education and Development, and a variety of other organizations to pilot a QRIS in four geographic areas.						

Mississippi

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Mississippi Department of Human Services 750 North State Street Jackson, MS 39202 Phone: 800-877-7882 or 601-359-4544 Web site: http://www.mdhs.state.ms.us/ocy.html Administrative rules/policy manual: http://www.mdhs.state.ms.us/ocy/html .			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with other government agencies to determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). It contracts with nongovernmental agencies, including planning and development districts, to determine eligibility for non-TANF families, help parents find care, and issue provider payments. The Lead Agency also contracts with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. ■ Approximately 97 percent of care is provided through certificates. The remaining care is provided through subgrants with various entities. Subgrantees can only place children in slots if parents do not have certificates. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$2,745.00	\$2,333.00	Not applicable	Not applicable				
Three	\$3,432.00	\$2,917.00	Not applicable	Not applicable				
Four	\$4,020.00	\$3,417.00	Not applicable	Not applicable				
<u>SMI year:</u> 2004								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
\$10.00/month	\$212.00/month	\$222.00/month for two or more children	October 1, 2004	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Children in foster care or protective services and children receiving Social Security Income benefits should be assessed a co-pay of \$10.00 per month. Parental fee is per family.								

Mississippi

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Statewide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$78.28/week	\$56.65/week	\$45.32/week
Toddler	\$75.19/week	\$54.59/week	\$43.26/week
Preschool	\$72.10/week	\$51.50/week	\$41.20/week
School Age	\$71.07/week	\$50.47/week	\$40.17/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2007. Note: Licensed FCC rates and center rates represent rates for Tier 2 providers. License-exempt rates represent rates for license-exempt FCC providers and inhome care (Tier 3 rates). Rates vary by category of care, and all rates are below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for children with special needs and higher quality. Geographic area: Statewide rates are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS			
Licensing Requirements			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
Not all providers are subject to licensing (e.g., programs operated by schools, recreational programs, and part-time programs).	Not applicable	Those FCC providers specifically exempt under the provisions of Mississippi Code §53-20-5(a)(i)-(v).	All inhome providers are exempt from licensing.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards			
Unannounced Visits		Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries
Licensed and registered providers are subject to unannounced visits once per licensure year.		Only licensed providers are subject to background checks.	Serious occurrences must be reported immediately.
Exemptions for Relatives:		All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.	

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES			
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status			
Status of Implementation		Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula
The Lead Agency is implementing its ELGs by providing training.		Age: Birth to 5 Domains: Social-emotional development, cognitive development, physical development, health, creative arts, language and literacy, and mathematics	K–12 content standards, and quality rating and improvement system standards

Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Developing	Yes	Yes	The Lead Agency sponsors the Director's Credential Program for child care center directors.

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
The Lead Agency implemented a QRIS to assess, improve, and communicate the level of quality in licensed early care and education settings. The QRIS has five components: administrative policy, professional development, learning environments, parental involvement, and evaluation.			

Missouri

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Department of Social Services P.O. Box 88 Jefferson City, MO 65103-0088 Phone: 573-522-1385 Web site: http://www.dss.mo.gov/pr_cs.htm Administrative rules/policy manual: http://www.dss.mo.gov/fsd/iman/chldcare/cctoc.html			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. It has a memorandum of understanding with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to implement quality activities. It also has contracts with other nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. The Lead Agency also contracts with the Missouri Child Care Resource and Referral Network to help parents find care. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,793.00	\$3,224.00	\$1,524.00	40%				
Three	\$4,686.00	\$3,983.00	\$1,885.00	40%				
Four	\$5,578.00	\$4,741.00	\$2,244.00	40%				
SMI year: 2010								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply and has a process to establish a waiting list when conditions warrant.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
\$1.00/year	\$5.00/day	\$5.00/day for second child	July 1, 2008	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child.								

Missouri

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Core Counties			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$27.52/day	\$17.20/day	\$15.00/day
Toddler	\$27.52/day	\$17.20/day	\$15.00/day
Preschool	\$16.07/day	\$13.65/day	\$13.00/day
School Age	\$15.75/day	\$12.60/day	\$12.00/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2008. Note: License-exempt rates represent rates for providers who are not licensed or regulated but are registered to provide care for children receiving subsidies. Rates vary by category of care, and all rates are below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for children with special needs, higher quality, nontraditional hour care, and other care circumstances. Geographic area: Rates vary by groups of core and noncore counties. Rates for Core Counties are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS					
Licensing Requirements					
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers		
All providers are licensed, with the exception of school-based facilities and those operated by religious organizations.	All are subject to licensing.	Family home providers who care for four or fewer children not related to the provider are exempt from licensing.	All are exempt from licensing.		
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards					
Unannounced Visits		Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries		
Licensed facilities receive two unannounced inspections per year.		All providers are subject to background checks.	Providers are not subject to reporting requirements.		
Exemptions for Relatives:		All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.			
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES					
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status					
Status of Implementation		Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula		
The State is revising its ELGs. Implementation has included statewide dissemination to embed the ELGs into existing professional development system.		<u>Age:</u> 3 to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Literacy, math, science, social-emotional development, physical development, and health and safety	K–12 content standards, Head Start Child Outcome Standards, Creative Curriculum®, HighScope®, and Project Construct		
Professional Development System Plan Status					
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials		
Implementing	Yes	Yes	A director's credential has been developed and is maintained by the Missouri Association for the Education of Young Children and the Missouri School Age Coalition.		
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)					
The University of Missouri Center for Family Policy and Research has conducted pilot and demonstration projects of QRIS models. There has been ongoing evaluation of these projects, and all adaptations of the models and process have been data driven.					

Montana

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services P.O. Box 202925 Helena, MT 59620-2925 Phone: 866-239-0458 Web site: http://www.bestbeginnings.mt.gov or http://www.childcare.mt.gov Administrative rules/policy manual: http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/ecsbmanual/index.shtml			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly issues provider payments, and contracts with child care resource and referral (CCR&R) agencies to determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families and help parents find care. Quality activities are implemented by a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,433.00	\$2,918.00	\$1,821.00	53%				
Three	\$4,240.00	\$3,604.00	\$2,289.00	54%				
Four	\$5,048.00	\$4,291.00	\$2,756.00	55%				
SMI year: 2009								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months. TANF families and families who are newly employed are authorized services for 3 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
\$10.00 or 1% of the gross monthly income	\$227.00 or 9.90% of the gross monthly income	\$227.00 or 9.90% of the gross monthly income	June 1, 2009	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family.								

Montana

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Billings District			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$33.00/day	\$27.00/day	\$20.30/day
Toddler	\$28.80/day	\$25.00/day	\$18.80/day
Preschool	\$28.80/day	\$25.00/day	\$18.80/day
School Age	\$28.80/day	\$25.00/day	\$18.80/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: September 1, 2009. Note: The rate structure has a separate rate for FCC providers and group home child care. License-exempt rates are for legally unregistered providers. Rates are set below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for children with special needs and higher quality. Geographic area: Rates vary by resource and referral district. Rates for Billings District are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS			
Licensing Requirements			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	Legally unregistered, inhome providers who care for one or two children from separate families or the children of one family in the children's home are exempt from licensing.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards			
Unannounced Visits		Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries
All providers are visited on an unannounced basis. Centers receive two visits per year; 20 percent of FCC and group homes receive an annual unannounced visit.		All providers are subject to background checks.	Providers must report incidents within 24 hours.
Exemptions for Relatives:		All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.	

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES			
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status			
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains		Alignment With Standards and Curricula
Montana's ELGs for children 3 to 5 years are currently distributed by CCR&R agencies, Head Start programs, public and private preschools, as well as used in public school kindergarten programs.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Social-emotional development, creative arts, physical development and health, cognitive development, science, social studies, language and literacy, and mathematics		K–12 content standards and Head Start Child Outcome Standards

Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Revising	Yes	Yes	Montana has certificates for Infant and Toddler Caregivers and for Child Development Specialists; a Preschool Caregiver Certificate will be developed.

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
The State is adopting and field testing the Best Beginnings STARS to Quality system. The QRIS is a 5-star system with STAR One representing licensing/registration, and STAR Five representing accreditation and opportunities for contributing to the field.			

Nebraska

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services P.O. Box 95026 Lincoln, NE 68509-5026 Phone: 800-430-3244 Web site: http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/chc/chcindex.htm Administrative rules/policy manual: http://www.dhhs.gov/reg/regs.htm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. The Lead Agency has a memorandum of understanding with the Nebraska Department of Education to implement a number of quality activities and provide resource and referral services. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,958.00	\$3,364.00	\$1,458.00	37%				
Three	\$4,890.00	\$4,157.00	\$1,813.00	37%				
Four	\$5,821.00	\$4,948.00	\$2,206.00	38%				
SMI year: 2010								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
\$61.00/month	\$83.00/month	\$166.00/month for second child	July 1, 2009	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	No			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per family and increases with each additional child in care up to a maximum of seven children.								

Nebraska

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Lancaster, Dakota, Douglas, and Sarpy Counties			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$37.50/day	\$26.00/day	\$15.00/day
Toddler	\$31.00/day	\$25.00/day	\$15.00/day
Preschool	\$31.00/day	\$25.00/day	\$15.00/day
School Age	\$31.00/day	\$25.00/day	\$15.00/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2009. Note: License-exempt rates are for license-exempt FCC homes. Rates are set below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for children with special needs and higher quality. Geographic area: Rates vary by group of counties; for accredited care, rates are statewide. Rates for unaccredited center and FCC home care for Lancaster, Dakota, Douglas, and Sarpy Counties are presented. Rates for license-exempt FCC home rates for Douglas and Sarpy Counties are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS						
Licensing Requirements						
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers			
All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	FCC providers caring for three or fewer children from different families or any number of children from the same family are exempt from licensing.	Inhome providers are exempt from licensing.			
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards						
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks		Reports of Serious Injuries			
Licensed programs serving fewer than 30 children receive one unannounced inspection annually; licensed programs with a capacity of 30 or more receive two unannounced inspections per year.	All providers are subject to background checks.		FCC home licensees are required to report the death of a child in care and any injury of a child that requires medical treatment.			
Exemptions for Relatives:	All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.					
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES						
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status						
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains		Alignment With Standards and Curricula			
The State is implementing ELGs for 0–3 years and 3–5 years. ELGs for kindergarten practice are in the process of finalization.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 3 and birth to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Language and literacy, mathematics, approaches to learning, creative arts, science, social-emotional development, and health and physical development		K–12 content standards, Head Start Child Outcome Standards, ELGs for 3- to 5-year-old children, Creative Curriculum®, HighScope®, and child assessment tools			
Professional Development System Plan Status						
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials			
Revising	Yes	Yes	No activity reported			
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)						
No activity reported						

Nevada

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Department of Health and Human Services Division of Welfare and Supportive Services 1470 College Parkway Carson City, NV 89706 Phone: 800-992-0900 or 800-753-5500 Web site: http://dwss.nv.gov/ Administrative rules/policy manual: http://dwss.nv.gov/			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency has interagency agreements with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies, including the University of Nevada Las Vegas, to determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families, provide resource and referral services, and implement quality activities. The Lead Agency also contracts with nongovernmental agencies to issue provider payments. ■ Approximately 76 percent of care is provided through certificates, and 24 percent through contracts to provide before- and after-school care. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,890.00	\$3,307.00	\$2,917.00	75%				
Three	\$4,805.00	\$4,084.00	\$3,604.00	75%				
Four	\$5,721.00	\$4,862.00	\$4,290.00	75%				
SMI year: 2010								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months. TANF families are authorized services for 3 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
5% of payment rate	80% of payment rate	80% of payment rate	October 1, 2009	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child.								

Nevada

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Clark County			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$31.00/day	\$30.00/day	\$23.00/day
Toddler	\$28.00/day	\$27.00/day	\$20.00/day
Preschool	\$23.00/day	\$26.00/day	\$19.00/day
School Age	\$19.00/day	\$23.00/day	\$18.00/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: November 1, 2004. Note: License-exempt rates represent rates for informal care. The rate structure also includes licensed group homes and before- and after-school unlicensed care center rates. Rates vary by category of care, and all rates are below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for higher quality. Geographic area: Rates vary by county and groups of rural counties. Rates for Clark County are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS								
Licensing Requirements								
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers					
All providers must be licensed, with the exception of before- and after-school care provided by local city and county governments (e.g., Boys and Girls Clubs and the YMCA).	All are subject to licensing.	Registered family, friend, and neighbor providers are exempt from licensing.	All are exempt from licensing					
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards								
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries						
Providers receive two unannounced visits per year.	Licensed providers are subject to background checks. If a provider is exempt from licensing but is registered, the background check is at the discretion of the parent.	Providers must report injuries and deaths as soon as possible.						
Exemptions for Relatives:	Some or all relatives are subject to different health and safety requirements than other providers.							
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES								
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status								
Status of Implementation		Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula					
The State is implementing ELGs. Guidebooks, training materials, and train-the-trainer workshops have been developed.		Age: Birth to 3 and 3 to 5 Domains: Language and literacy, physical development, creative arts, science, math, social-emotional development, and social studies	K-12 content standards, Head Start Child Outcomes Standards, HighScope®, and Creative Curriculum®					
Professional Development System Plan Status								
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials					
Implementing	Yes	Yes	No activity reported					
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)								
The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services within the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services is currently piloting a small-scale QRIS, known as the Silver State Stars QRIS Pilot Project. It is a 2-year pilot.								

New Hampshire

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services Division for Children, Youth and Families 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301 Phone: 800-852-3345, ext. 4242 Web site: http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/DCYF/default.htm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. It contracts with child care resource and referral agencies to help parents find care, and with several nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$4,952.00	\$4,209.00	\$3,035.00	61%				
Three	\$6,118.00	\$5,200.00	\$3,815.00	62%				
Four	\$7,283.00	\$6,191.00	\$4,594.00	63%				
<u>SMI year:</u> 2009								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes (up to age 17)			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
1% of family income	20% of family income	20% of family income	July 1, 2009	All families are required to pay a fee	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> The family fee is based on percent of family income regardless of family size and the number of children in care. Parental fee is per family.								

New Hampshire

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Statewide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$187.00/week	\$150.00/week	\$105.00/week
Toddler	\$180.00/week	\$140.00/week	\$98.00/week
Preschool	\$157.00/week	\$130.00/week	\$91.00/week
School Age	\$120.00/week	\$72.00/week	\$50.40/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2009. Note: The rate structure has two rates for license-exempt care (license-exempt child care center and license-exempt FCC home). License-exempt rates are for FCC homes. Rates are set below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for children with special needs, higher quality, and other circumstances. Geographic area: Statewide rates are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS			
Licensing Requirements			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
Not all providers are subject to licensing (e.g., those operated by school systems, for religious instruction, recreation, and drop-in providers).	All are subject to licensing.	Providers caring for their own children and up to three additional children are exempt from licensing.	Inhome providers are exempt from licensing.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards		
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries
Only licensed providers are visited and will receive one unannounced visit during the licensing period of 3 years.	All providers are subject to background checks.	Licensed providers must report the performance of CPR or any death within 24 hours.

Exemptions for Relatives: Some or all relatives are subject to different health and safety requirements than other providers.

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES		
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status		
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula
The State is implementing ELGs in various settings, including child care settings; Head Start programs; kindergarten programs; Montessori schools; home visiting programs; the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children; and high school and college early childhood classes.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 3 and birth to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Physical development, social-emotional development, approaches to learning, creative expression and aesthetic development, communication and literacy, health and safety, and cognitive development	K–12 content standards, Head Start Child Outcomes Standards, State performance standards, and National Association for the Education of Young Children accreditation standards

Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Revising	Yes	Yes	The early childhood credential revision and school-age child care teams developed a new continuum of credentials. The previous credentials were in effect until the new system was operational.

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
The State has a tiered reimbursement system based on measures of program quality. The system includes technical assistance and other supports to help child care programs achieve the Licensed-Plus designation or national accreditation.			

New Jersey

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
<p>The Department of Human Services Division of Family Development 6 Quakerbridge Plaza P.O. Box 716 Trenton, NJ 08625-0716 Phone: 800-332-9227 Web site: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/DFD</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with 16 child care resource and referral agencies, 14 of which are nonprofit community-based agencies and 2 are units of local government. These agencies determine eligibility for non-Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), assist parents in finding care, issue provider payments, and implement quality activities. The Lead Agency also contracts with county welfare agencies to determine eligibility for TANF families. ■ The majority of care is provided through certificates, with center-based contract child care representing 16 percent of the State's funded capacity and 3 percent of the allocated funds. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$5,352.00	\$4,549.00	\$2,428.00	45%				
Three	\$6,611.00	\$5,619.00	\$3,052.00	46%				
Four	\$7,870.00	\$6,690.00	\$3,675.00	47%				
<u>SMI year:</u> 2009								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
<p>CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.</p>								
<p>Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care</p>					Yes			
<p>Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision</p>					No			
Waiting Lists								
<p>The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.</p>								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
<p>The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.</p>								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
No fee	\$37.76/week	75% of full-time monthly fee is applied for additional children	October 1, 2009	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	Yes			
<p>For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per child.</p>								

New Jersey

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Statewide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$160.60/week	\$142.60/week	\$85.80/week
Toddler	\$160.60/week	\$142.60/week	\$85.80/week
Preschool	\$132.40/week	\$112.00/week	\$67.00/week
School Age	\$132.40/week	\$112.00/week	\$67.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2008. Note: Rates vary by quality and hours of care needed. Rates for full-time (6 hours or more), licensed child care centers and registered FCC homes are presented. License-exempt rates represent those for approved home with and kin providers. Rates vary by category of care, and all rates are below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for higher quality. Geographic area: Statewide rates are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS						
Licensing Requirements						
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers			
All are subject to licensing.	Not applicable	All are subject to licensing.	Inhome care is approved following a home safety inspection and provider background check.			
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards						
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks		Reports of Serious Injuries			
Licensed centers receive one annual unannounced visit; 20 percent of registered providers are monitored randomly.	All providers are subject to background checks.		Injuries and deaths must be reported no later than the next working day.			
Exemptions for Relatives:	All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.					
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES						
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status						
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains		Alignment With Standards and Curricula			
The State is implementing Preschool Teaching and Learning Expectations: Standards of Quality as guidance for working with young children. The standards are required for districts receiving State aid to provide preschool programs.	Age: Birth to 5 Domains: Cognitive, language, social, emotional, and physical development		K–12 content standards and New Jersey's Core Curriculum Content Standards			
Professional Development System Plan Status						
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials			
The State is implementing the Professional Impact NJ professional development system.	Yes	Yes	The NJ Registry issues Head Teacher, Group Teacher, and School-age Program Supervisor Certificates recognized by the Office of Licensing within the Department of Children and Families.			
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)						
The State has worked with Build New Jersey to develop a QRIS for FCC providers.						

New Mexico

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department P.O. Drawer 5160 Santa Fe, NM 87502 Phone: 800-832-1321 Web site: www.newmexicokids.org			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families, provides resource and referral services, and issues provider payments. The Lead Agency implements quality activities in coordination with other government and nongovernmental agencies. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,446.67	\$2,929.67	\$2,428.33	70%				
Three	\$3,877.50	\$3,295.88	\$3,051.67	79%				
Four	\$4,308.33	\$3,662.08	\$3,675.00	85%				
<u>SMI year:</u> 2009								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
No fee	\$254.00/month	Co-payment for the second child is one-half of the co-pay for the first child	April 1, 2009	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	No			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per child.								

New Mexico

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Metro Areas			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$476.37/month	\$365.20/month	\$278.74/month
Toddler	\$425.72/month	\$325.08/month	\$264.00/month
Preschool	\$395.01/month	\$324.17/month	\$242.00/month
School Age	\$345.64/month	\$319.28/month	\$242.00/month

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: August 15, 2007. Note: The rate structure has separate rates for licensed FCC and licensed group home child care. Licensed FCC rates are presented. License-exempt rates represent rates for registered homes and inhome care. Rates vary by category of care, and all rates are below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for higher quality and nontraditional hour care. Geographic area: Rates vary by metro and rural area. Metro rates are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS								
Licensing Requirements								
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers					
All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	Inhome providers are exempt from licensing.					
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards								
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries						
Providers are not subject to unannounced visits.	Licensed and registered providers are subject to background checks.	Incidents must be reported immediately by phone and followed up in writing.						
Exemptions for Relatives:	All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.							
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES								
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status								
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains		Alignment With Standards and Curricula					
The State is developing ELGs for children birth through kindergarten based on the Early Learning Outcomes already being implemented for 4-year-old children.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Health and well-being; literacy; numeracy; aesthetic/creativity; scientific conceptual understandings; self, family, and community; and approaches to learning		K–12 content standards, State performance standards, State prekindergarten standards, and child assessment tools					
Professional Development System Plan Status								
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials					
Implementing	Yes	Yes	The State has several credentials, including the Early Childhood Program Administrator's Certificate, the Family and Infant and Toddler Certificate, and an 18-Hour Course Certificate for family, friend, and neighbor caregivers.					
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)								
New Mexico's Look for the Stars program, a five-level QRIS for licensed homes and centers, was created. Reimbursement rates increase incrementally beginning at level 2 and continuing through level 5 (accreditation).								

New York

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Office of Children and Family Services Division of Child Care Services 52 Washington Street, Room 309 S Rensselaer, NY 12144 Phone: 800-345-KIDS Web site: http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/childcare			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with local departments of social services to determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families and issue provider payments. It contracts with local departments of social services and child care resource and referral agencies to help parents find care. The Lead Agency also has contracts and agreements with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. ■ Approximately 81 percent of care is provided through certificates, while the remaining 19 percent is provided through grants or contracts. Districts and subgrantees have contracts with centers, family child care homes, school-age programs, and other facilities. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$4,423.00	\$3,760.00	\$2,428.00	55%				
Three	\$5,464.00	\$4,645.00	\$3,052.00	56%				
Four	\$6,505.00	\$5,529.00	\$3,675.00	56%				
<u>SMI year:</u> 2010								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply and does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
35% of excess family income	35% of excess family income	35% of excess family income	June 1, 2009	Yes, some families at or below poverty level.	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> The sliding fee scale varies by locality and local social services district. Fee percentage for New York City is presented (includes Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond counties).								

New York

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Group E Counties			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$370.00/week	\$160.00/week	\$104.00/week
Toddler	\$255.00/week	\$150.00/week	\$98.00/week
Preschool	\$224.00/week	\$150.00/week	\$98.00/week
School Age	\$185.00/week	\$141.00/week	\$92.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2007. Note: The rate structure includes a separate rate for group FCC homes and for FCC homes. Rates for FCC homes are presented. License-exempt rates represent those for license-exempt family and inhome child care. Rates are set at the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey or higher. Differential rates are used for children with special needs, higher quality, and nontraditional hour care. Geographic area: Rates vary by groups of counties. Rates for Group E Counties are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS			
Licensing Requirements			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
Not all providers are subject to licensing (e.g., school-based facilities, those on Tribal or Federal property, and summer camps).	All are subject to licensing.	Not all FCC providers are subject to licensing (e.g., care outside the child's own home for one or two children).	Inhome providers are exempt from licensing.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards			
Unannounced Visits		Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries
Fifty percent of licensed providers receive annual unannounced inspections; 20 percent of exempt providers not participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program are visited annually.		All providers are subject to background checks.	Providers are required to report incidents, but no timeframe is specified.
Exemptions for Relatives:		All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.	

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES			
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status			
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula	
The State is in the process of developing two sets of standards for young children ages birth to 3 and 4-year-olds.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 3, 3 to 5, and 5 years and older <u>Domains:</u> Physical well-being, health, and motor development; social-emotional development; approaches to learning; cognition and general knowledge; and language, communication, and literacy	K–12 content standards, Head Start Child Outcome Standards, and State prekindergarten standards	

Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
The State does not have a formal professional development plan.	No activity reported	No activity reported	The New York City Professional Development Institute is creating a trainer registry and written procedures for a trainer credential.

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
The State has been working cooperatively with various government organizations to design QUALITYstarsNY, a QRIS for child care and early learning programs. A field test of QUALITYstarsNY is underway.			

North Carolina

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services 2201 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-2201 Phone: 919-662-4499 or 800-859-0829 Web site: www.ncchildcare.net Administrative rules/policy manual: http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dcd/ccs/man/			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with county departments of social services to determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families and issue provider payments. It also contracts with child care resource and referral agencies to help parents find care and with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,371.00	\$2,865.00	\$2,528.00	75%				
Three	\$4,164.00	\$3,539.00	\$3,123.00	75%				
Four	\$4,957.00	\$4,214.00	\$3,718.00	75%				
SMI year: 2008								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
10% of gross monthly income	10% of gross monthly income	10% of gross monthly income	October 1, 2009	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family. The fee is usually based on the care provided to the youngest child in the family.								

North Carolina

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Mecklenburg County			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$536.00/month	\$446.00/month	\$223.00/month
Toddler	\$490.00/month	\$423.00/month	\$212.00/month
Preschool	\$477.00/month	\$404.00/month	\$202.00/month
School Age	\$423.00/month	\$404.00/month	\$202.00/month

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2007. Note: License-exempt rates represent those for nonlicensed family home providers. Rates vary by category of care, and some rates are at the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey or higher. Differential rates are used for higher quality. Geographic area: Rates vary by county and tiered quality level. Rates for one-star child care programs in Mecklenburg County are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS								
Licensing Requirements								
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers					
All are subject to licensing.	Not applicable	All are subject to licensing.	All are exempt from licensing.					
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards								
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries						
Centers receive one announced visit per year; FCC homes received unannounced visits for investigation/monitoring.	All are subject to background checks.	Providers must report incidents, but no timeframe is specified.						
Exemptions for Relatives:	Some or all relatives are subject to different health and safety requirements than other providers.							
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES								
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status								
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains		Alignment With Standards and Curricula					
The State is implementing ELGs and developing online modules that will provide introductory training on the ELGs.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 3, birth to 5, and 5 years and older <u>Domains:</u> Approaches to learning, social-emotional development, health and physical development, language development and communication, and cognitive development		North Carolina Kindergarten Standards, Course of Study, Head Start Child Outcome Standards, Infant-toddler Early Learning Guidelines, HighScope®, and Creative Curriculum®					
Professional Development System Plan Status								
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials					
The State is developing a written plan.	Yes	Yes	The State has several credentials, including the Early Childhood Administration Credential, the Early Childhood Credential, the Family Child Care Home Credential, the School-age Care Credential, and the Infant-toddler Certificate.					
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)								
In the State's Star Rated License program, a rating of one star means that a child care program meets North Carolina's minimum licensing standards. Programs that choose to voluntarily meet higher standards can apply for a two- to five-star license.								

North Dakota

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
North Dakota Department of Human Services 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 325 Bismarck, ND 58505-0250 Phone: 701-328-2232 or 701-328-3587 Web site: http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/childcare/ Administrative rules/policy manual: http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/financialhelp/childcare.htm/			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with county departments of social services to determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families and issue provider payments. It contracts with child care resource and referral agencies to help parents find care and implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,396.00	\$2,887.00	\$1,994.00	59%				
Three	\$4,196.00	\$3,567.00	\$2,463.00	59%				
Four	\$4,994.00	\$4,245.00	\$2,933.00	59%				
SMI year: 2008								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months. Families involved in job search activities or with new jobs are authorized services for 3 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
20% of payment rate up to \$42.00/month	80% of payment rate up to \$365.00/month	80% of payment rate up to \$365.00/month	October 2003	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: The parental fee is determined as a percentage of the payment rate. There is also a family cap payment. The family pays the lesser of the two amounts. Parental fee is per family.								

North Dakota

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Statewide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$120.00/week	\$110.00/week	\$110.00/week
Toddler	\$113.00/week	\$100.00/week	\$93.00/week
Preschool	\$108.00/week	\$98.00/week	\$92.00/week
School Age	\$100.00/week	\$95.00/week	\$90.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2009. Note: Group home child care rates are the same for center-based rates. License-exempt rates are for self-certified/registered providers. The rate structure includes a separate rate for approved relative providers. Rates vary by category of care, and some rates are at the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey or higher. Geographic area: Statewide rates are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS								
Licensing Requirements								
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers					
All must be licensed with the exception of care provided by public or private educational facilities for children in grade one or higher.	All are subject to licensing.	Providers who care for five or fewer children or three or fewer infants (up to 24 months) are exempt from licensing but must self-certify for CCDF participation.	All are exempt from licensing.					
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards								
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries						
Licensed family, group, and center child care programs are subject to one unannounced visit per year.	All are subject to background checks.	Licensed family, group, and center programs must report incidents within 24 hours; inhome and relative providers are exempt.						
Exemptions for Relatives:	All relatives are exempt from all health and safety requirements.							
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES								
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status								
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains		Alignment With Standards and Curricula					
The State has distributed the ELGs for 3- to 5-year-old children and conducted training with all child care licensors to address the integration of the guidelines into their licensing work.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 3, 3 to 5, and 5 years and older <u>Domains:</u> Health and physical development, social-emotional development, approaches to learning, expressive arts and creative thinking, language and literacy, mathematics and logical thinking, science and problem solving, and social studies		Head Start Child Outcome Standards and Creative Curriculum®					
Professional Development System Plan Status								
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials					
Implementing	Yes	Yes	Specialized certificates and credentials provide in-depth content knowledge in infant and toddler care, children with special needs, and program administration.					
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)								
State committees have completed work on a QRIS in North Dakota and sent recommendations to the Lead Agency for adoption. The State will issue a request for proposals for vendors to support cohorts of providers participating in the QRIS.								

Ohio

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services 50 W. Town Street, Suite 400, 6th Floor Columbus, OH 43215 Phone: 614-466-1213 Web site: http://jfs.ohio.gov/CDC/childcare.stm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with county departments of jobs and family services to determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families and with county departments and auditor offices to issue provider payments. The Lead Agency contracts with county departments and child care resource and referral agencies to help parents find care. The Lead Agency also contracts with county departments of jobs and family services to implement some quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$4,027.00	\$3,423.00	\$2,334.00	58%				
Three	\$4,974.00	\$4,228.00	\$2,934.00	59%				
Four	\$5,922.00	\$5,034.00	\$3,534.00	60%				
<u>SMI year:</u> 2010								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					No			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
\$1.00/month	\$260.00/month	\$260.00/month	July 1, 2008	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	No			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per family.								

Ohio

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Cuyahoga County			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$186.70/week	\$186.70/week	\$86.56/week
Toddler	\$169.74/week	\$169.74/week	\$81.14/week
Preschool	\$148.55/week	\$148.55/week	\$78.40/week
School Age	\$107.55/week	\$107.55/week	\$69.04/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 2009. Note: FCC rates are for Type A (group family home) providers. License-exempt rates are for certified limited parent/provider inspected care. The rate structure includes additional rates for unlicensed providers who are certified to provide child care for children receiving subsidies. Rates are set below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for children with special needs, higher quality, and nontraditional hour care. Geographic area: Rates vary by county. Rates for Cuyahoga County are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS			
Licensing Requirements			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	Providers caring for fewer than seven children must be certified to participate in CCDF.	Inhome providers paid with CCDF funds must be certified.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards			
Unannounced Visits		Background Checks	
Providers receive a minimum of one unannounced visit per year.		All are subject to background checks.	
Exemptions for Relatives: All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.			

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES			
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status			
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains		Alignment With Standards and Curricula
The State is implementing its ELGs.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 3, birth to 5, and 5 years and older <u>Domains:</u> Social-emotional development, cognitive development, physical development, health, language and literacy, and mathematics		K–12 content standards and Ohio's Infant and Toddler Guidelines

Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Revising	Yes	Yes	The Department of Health has created a credential for those who work with families of young children who have developmental delays or are at risk for delay. A director credential is being developed.

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
The Lead Agency is responsible for oversight of the QRIS. It coordinates supports with the State child care resource and referral agencies, including training, technical assistance, data collection, a professional registry, quality achievement awards, and T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) Early Childhood® scholarships.			

Oklahoma

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Oklahoma Department of Human Services P.O. Box 25352 Oklahoma City, OK 73125 Phone: 800-347-2276 Web site: http://www.okdhs.org/programsandservices/ Administrative rules/policy manual: http://www.okdhs.org/library/policy/oac340/040/			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families, provides resource and referral services, and issues payments. The Lead Agency implements quality activities in coordination with other government and nongovernmental agencies. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,011.00	\$2,559.00	\$2,425.00	81%				
Three	\$3,720.00	\$3,162.00	\$2,925.00	79%				
Four	\$4,428.00	\$3,764.00	\$3,625.00	82%				
<u>SMI year:</u> 2008								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
No fee	\$189.00/month	\$263.00/month for second child	July 1, 2008	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	No			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per family and increases depending on the number of children in care.								

Oklahoma

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – One-Star Enhanced Areas			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$15.50/day	\$14.50/day	\$13.05/day
Toddler	\$15.50/day	\$14.50/day	\$13.05/day
Preschool	\$13.50/day	\$12.25/day	\$11.03/day
School Age	\$11.25/day	\$10.25/day	\$9.23/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: January 1, 2009. Note: Rates vary by quality level. Rates for standard level (one star) are presented. There are two separate rates for school-age care. Rates for age range 73 months to 13 years are presented. License-exempt rates are for inhome providers. The inhome child care rate is 90 percent of the rate paid to a one-star child care home for a child of the same age. Rates vary by category of care, and some rates are at the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey or higher. Differential rates are used for children with special needs and higher quality. Geographic area: Rates vary by geographic area. Rates for one-star enhanced areas are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS			
Licensing Requirements			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	Inhome providers are exempt but must be approved to receive CCDF.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards			
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries	
Licensed providers receive three unannounced visits per year.	All are subject to background checks.	Incidents must be reported by the next business day.	
Exemptions for Relatives:	All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.		

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES			
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status			
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains		Alignment With Standards and Curricula
The State is implementing ELGs and has aligned them with core competency areas and developed training opportunities. Infant and toddler ELGs are in development.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 3 and birth to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Creative skills; health, safety, and physical development; social and personal skills; language and literacy; and mathematics		Priority Academic Student Skills, Head Start Child Outcome Standards, and prekindergarten curriculum guidelines

Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Implementing	Yes	Yes	Center directors in Oklahoma are required to hold a Director's Credential at one of three levels: Bronze, Silver, or Gold.

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
Oklahoma has had a QRIS since 1998. Licensed facilities with a subsidy contract are required to participate in Reaching for the Stars. Participation by other programs is voluntary.			

Oregon

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Oregon Employment Department 875 Union Street NE, Room 308 Salem, OR 97311 Phone: 503-947-1243 Web site: http://www.childcareinoregon.org Administrative rules/policy manual: http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/selfsufficiency/em_firspa_ge.htm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency and contracted nongovernmental agencies determine eligibility for families not receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (non-TANF families). The Lead Agency contracts with the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) to determine eligibility for TANF families. The Lead Agency and DHS work together to issue provider payments, depending on families served. The Lead Agency also contracts with child care resource and referral agencies to help parents find care and with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. ■ Approximately 95 percent of care is provided through certificates, while the remaining 5 percent of care is provided through contracts. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,510.00	\$3,122.00	\$2,246.00	Not applicable				
Three	\$4,336.00	\$3,686.00	\$2,823.00	65%				
Four	\$5,162.00	\$4,388.00	\$3,399.00	65%				
<u>SMI year:</u> 2008								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
\$25.00/month	\$500.00/month	\$500.00/month	January 1, 2009	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per family.								

Oregon

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Group Area A			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$900.00/month	\$860.00/month	\$493.00/month
Toddler	\$894.00/month	\$745.00/month	\$466.00/month
Preschool	\$705.00/month	\$688.00/month	\$440.00/month
School Age	\$698.00/month	\$600.00/month	\$436.00/month

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2007. Note: Licensed FCC rates represent those for certified family care. License-exempt rates represent rates for standard FCC (not licensed). Rates vary by category of care, and all rates are below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for children with special needs and higher quality. Geographic area: Rates vary by zip code group. Rates for Group Area A are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS			
Licensing Requirements			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
Not all providers are subject to licensing (e.g., school-based facilities; part-time care; onsite drop-in care; and programs offering social, athletic, or training activities)	All are subject to licensing.	Providers are exempt if the care is provided to three or fewer children, children from one family, on an occasional basis, or by a relative of the child. Providers' children are not counted.	All are exempt from licensing.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards			
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries	
Centers and FCC homes are subject to annual unannounced visits.	All providers are subject to criminal background checks.	Incidents must be reported, but no timeframe is specified.	
Exemptions for Relatives:	All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.		

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES			
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status			
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula	
Birth to Five voluntary ELGs have been developed and are available on the Oregon Department of Education Web site.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Language and literacy, mathematics, the arts, science, social science, physical education, social-emotional development, and approaches to learning	K-12 content standards, Head Start Child Outcome Standards, core knowledge and competencies, and special needs standards	

Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Implementing	Yes	Yes	An Infant and Toddler Professional Credential and a Director's Credential have been developed. The Director's Credential has been approved for National Association for the Education of Young Children accreditation.

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
The State has the Quality Indicators project, an information system about the quality of child care. The project collects data from facilities through the existing regulatory infrastructure to establish levels of quality based on seven research-based indicators.			

Pennsylvania

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Department of Public Welfare Office of Child Development and Early Learning 333 Market Street, 6th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17126 Phone: 877-4PA-KIDS Web site: http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ServicesPrograms/ChildCareEarlyEd/003670906.htm Administrative rules/policy manual: http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/055/chapter3041/chap3041toc.html and http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/055/chapter168/chap168toc.c.html			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with county assistance offices to determine eligibility for families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). It contracts with government and nongovernmental agencies to determine eligibility for non-TANF families, help parents find care, and issue provider payments. It also contracts with Pennsylvania Early Learning Keys to Quality sites to coordinate quality activities. ■ The majority of care is provided through certificates. The Lead Agency permits up to 10 percent of its budget to be set aside for contracts to serve special populations, such as teen parents. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$4,197.41	\$3,567.80	\$2,428.00	58%				
Three	\$5,185.04	\$4,407.28	\$3,052.00	59%				
Four	\$6,172.67	\$5,246.77	\$3,675.00	60%				
<u>SMI year:</u> 2009								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
\$5.00/week	\$65.00/week	\$65.00/week	May 4, 2009	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per family.								

Pennsylvania

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Philadelphia County			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$42.00/day	\$34.00/day	\$15.00/day
Toddler	\$36.00/day	\$30.00/day	\$14.35/day
Preschool	\$33.00/day	\$28.20/day	\$13.31/day
School Age	\$27.40/day	\$26.00/day	\$15.65/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: August 1, 2007. Note: The rate structure includes two rates for toddlers and for school-age children. Rates for old toddler and school-age children are presented. The rate structure includes a separate rate for group FCC homes and FCC homes. FCC home rates are presented. License-exempt rates are for noncertified relative/neighbor care. Rates vary by category of care, and all rates are below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for higher quality and nontraditional hour care. Geographic area: Rates vary by county. Rates for Philadelphia County are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS			
Licensing Requirements			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	Providers caring for one, two, or three unrelated children in their homes do not need to be registered.	All are exempt from licensing.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards			
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks		Reports of Serious Injuries
Approximately 375 unannounced inspections of centers and group homes are conducted annually.	All are subject to background checks.		Incidents must be reported, but no timeframe is specified.
Exemptions for Relatives:	All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.		

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES			
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status			
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains		Alignment With Standards and Curricula
The State's ELGs are in revision to complete the continuum of learning that will ensure sequential instruction from birth through grade 12.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 3, birth to 5, and 5 years and older <u>Domains:</u> Approaches to learning, creative arts, personal-social, physical health, program partnerships, science, and social studies		K-12 content standards, Head Start Child Outcome Standards, State performance standards, National Association for the Education of Young Children accreditation standards, HighScope®, Creative Curriculum®, and child assessment tools

Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Revising	Yes	Yes	Pennsylvania has a state-specific Director's Credential and School-age Professional Credential.

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
The State is implementing the Keystone STARS QRIS, a tool to help parents and stakeholders in the community understand the quality of early learning programs. Child care and Head Start programs that participate in Keystone STARS earn a STAR 1 to STAR 4 level based on quality standards.			

Puerto Rico

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Administration for Integral Child Care and Development P.O. Box 15091 San Juan, PR 00902 Phone: 787-724-7474			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency determines eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and works with contracted child care providers to determine eligibility for non-TANF families, assist parents in locating care, issue provider payments, and implement quality activities. ■ Care is provided through certificates as well as through contracts with a broad range of providers, including extended-day/year-round Head Start centers, licensed centers, school-age programs, and child care networks that include center and family providers. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$1,218.00	\$1,036.00	Not applicable	Not applicable				
Three	\$1,505.00	\$1,279.00	Not applicable	Not applicable				
Four	\$1,792.00	\$1,523.00	Not applicable	Not applicable				
<p>Note: SMI data are not available for the Territories. Income eligibility limits are based on the 1994 Housing and Urban Development Administration median income established for Section 8 applicants.</p>								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees			
\$36.00/month	\$48.00/month	A 50% discount is applied for the second child; a 25% discount is applied for the third child	October 2009	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	Yes			
<p>For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented.</p> <p>Note: Parental fee is per child and is discounted for additional children.</p>								

Puerto Rico

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Commonwealth-wide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$259.00/month	\$225.00/month	\$222.00/month
Toddler	\$259.00/month	\$225.00/month	\$222.00/month
Preschool	\$253.00/month	\$214.00/month	\$211.00/month
School Age	\$124.00/month	\$114.00/month	\$95.00/month

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 2009. Note: Rates vary by quality of care. Rates for average care are presented. License-exempt rates are for registered family group homes. Rates are set at the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey or higher. Geographic area: Commonwealth-wide rates are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
Centers must require all children to have age-appropriate immunizations; require staff to submit health certificates; require staff to be trained in CPR and first aid; obtain appropriate building safety inspections from local agencies; have an emergency plan; and practice evacuation drills.	Group homes must require all children to have age-appropriate immunizations; require staff to be trained in CPR and first aid; submit a health statement for providers and family members; and comply with local building safety requirements.	FCC providers who care for three or more children are subject to the same health and safety standards as group-home providers.	Inhome providers should submit a health certificate and comply with group-home requirements.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards

Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries
Family Day Care Network personnel make routine unannounced visits (three to four per year) to ensure compliance with health and safety requirements.	All are subject to background checks twice per year.	Providers must report incidents, but no timeframe is specified.

Exemptions for Relatives: All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES

Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status

Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula
The Department of Education is revising the ELGs. The Lead Agency is establishing a collaborative agreement with the Department of Education and other early childhood programs to participate in the process.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 3, birth to 5, and 5 years and older <u>Domains:</u> Social-emotional development, physical and motor development, cognitive development, and creative development	National education standards and "Nicos y Nicas que Exploran y Construyen" curriculum

Professional Development System Plan Status

Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Developing	No activity reported	No activity reported	No activity reported

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)

In coordination with the Department of Health, State Early Childhood Team, and Governors Early Childhood Council, support will be given to develop a QRIS.

Rhode Island

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Department of Human Services Office of Child Care 600 New London Avenue Louis Pasteur Building Cranston, RI 02920 Phone: 401-222-7000 Web site: http://www.dhs.ri.gov Administrative rules/policy manual: http://www.dhs.state.ri.us			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. It contracts with Options for Working Parents, a nongovernmental agency, to help parents find care and with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$4,431.00	\$3,909.00	\$2,186.00	49%				
Three	\$5,473.00	\$4,829.00	\$2,747.00	50%				
Four	\$6,516.00	\$5,749.00	\$3,306.00	51%				
SMI year: 2009								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					No			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
No fee	8% of family income	8% of family income	October 2007	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	No			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family.								

Rhode Island

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Statewide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$188.00/week	\$155.00/week	\$81.00/week
Toddler	\$188.00/week	\$155.00/week	\$81.00/week
Preschool	\$157.00/week	\$150.00/week	\$54.00/week
School Age	\$142.00/week	\$142.00/week	\$53.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2008. Note: Rate structure includes two separate license-exempt rates (nonlicensed in provider's home and nonlicensed in child's home). License-exempt rates for nonlicensed in provider's home are presented. Rates vary by category of care, and some rates are at the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey or higher. Geographic area: Statewide rates are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS								
Licensing Requirements								
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers					
Only summer camps are exempt from licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	Care provided in the provider's residence (referred to as kith and kin care) and care provided in the child's home are exempt from licensing.	Informal providers are exempt from licensing.					
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards								
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries						
Regulated providers are subject to unannounced visits, but no frequency is specified.	All are subject to background checks.	Incidents must be reported on the day they occur.						
Exemptions for Relatives:	Some or all relatives are subject to different health and safety requirements than other providers.							
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES								
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status								
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains		Alignment With Standards and Curricula					
The Lead Agency and State Department of Education are implementing the ELGs by making them available in English and Spanish. The ELGs were disseminated to all regulated providers and public preschool/kindergarten programs.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Approaches to learning, social-emotional development, language development and communication, literacy, mathematics, science, creativity, and physical health and development		K–12 Content Continuums and Grade Level Expectations, Head Start Child Outcomes Standards, quality rating and improvement system standards, and Creative Curriculum®					
Professional Development System Plan Status								
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials					
Developed	Yes	Yes	The State is developing credentials, but has not determined which specializations it will define.					
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)								
Rhode Island is implementing the BrightStars QRIS. The State completed its pilot phase as of September 2009 and proceeded to assess its first cohort of preschool centers.								

South Carolina

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
South Carolina Department of Social Services P.O. Box 1520 Columbia, SC 29202-1520 Phone: 803-898-2570 Web site: http://childcare.sc.gov/main Administrative rules/policy manual: http://childcare.sc.gov/main			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. It contracts with the South Carolina Child Care Resource and Referral Network to help parents find care and with nongovernmental agencies, such as child care resource and referral agencies, to implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,381.00	\$2,874.00	\$1,821.00	54%				
Three	\$4,176.00	\$3,550.00	\$2,289.00	55%				
Four	\$4,972.00	\$4,226.00	\$2,756.00	55%				
SMI year: 2009								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply and does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
\$6.00/week	\$17.00/week	\$17.00/week for second child	October 1, 2009	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child.								

South Carolina

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Urban Areas			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$105.00/week	\$87.00/week	\$82.00/week
Toddler	\$105.00/week	\$87.00/week	\$82.00/week
Preschool	\$90.00/week	\$80.00/week	\$75.00/week
School Age	\$78.00/week	\$70.00/week	\$65.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2009. Note: Rates vary by quality level. Licensed rates are for centers (Level C) and FCC homes (Level CC). License-exempt rates are for registered FCC homes. Rates vary by category of care, and some rates are at the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey or higher. Differential rates are used for higher quality. Geographic area: Rates vary by urban and rural rates. Rates for urban areas are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS					
Licensing Requirements					
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers		
All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	FCC providers are exempt from regulatory requirements if they care for no more than two unrelated children.	All inhome child care providers are exempt from licensing unless caring for a second unrelated child.		
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards					
Unannounced Visits		Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries		
It is the goal of the Lead Agency to conduct unannounced visits to licensed/approved providers annually.		All licensed centers, licensed or registered family homes, licensed group homes, and licensed church providers are subject to background checks.	Incidents must be reported within 48 hours.		
Exemptions for Relatives: All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.					
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES					
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status					
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains		Alignment With Standards and Curricula		
The State is implementing its ELGs. It has sponsored 2 train-the-trainer seminars and prepared 98 trainers to provide specific training related to the ELGs.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Approaches to learning, social-emotional development, mathematics, language and literacy, physical development and health		South Carolina K–12 Academic Standards, Head Start Child Outcome Standards, Level A ABC Program Standards, and child assessment tools		
Professional Development System Plan Status					
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials		
Revising	Yes	Yes	The State has the SC Early Childhood Credential, the ABC 30-hour Child Care Credential for FCC providers, an Infant and Toddler Credential, a School-age Credential, and a Director Credential.		
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)					
South Carolina does not have a QRIS, but has a quality incentive program. Under the ABC Child Care Program, child care standards were developed for two levels above the regulatory requirements. Participation is voluntary, and higher rates are given to providers.					

South Dakota

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Department of Social Services Division of Child Care Services 700 Governor's Drive Pierre, SD 57501 Phone: 800-227-3020 Web site: http://www.dss.sd.gov/childcare			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. The Lead Agency contracts with regional child care resource and referral agencies to help parents find care and implement quality activities. ■ Care is provided primarily through certificates, with two communities receiving grants to purchase slots in child care centers serving one-stop career centers for TANF families. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		Percent of SMI			
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,599.00	\$3,059.00	\$2,430.00	67%				
Three	\$4,446.00	\$3,779.00	\$3,052.00	69%				
Four	\$5,292.00	\$4,498.00	\$3,676.00	69%				
<u>SMI year:</u> 2009								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
No fee	\$229.00/month or 7.5% of family's income	\$229.00/month or 7.5% of family's income	June 1, 2009	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: All gross income is adjusted with a 4 percent disregard. Co-payments are graduated and capped not to exceed 7.5 percent. Parental fee is per family.								

South Dakota

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Minnehaha County			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$3.70/hour	\$2.70/hour	\$1.50/hour
Toddler	\$3.70/hour	\$2.70/hour	\$1.50/hour
Preschool	\$3.15/hour	\$2.50/hour	\$1.50/hour
School Age	\$2.75/hour	\$2.75/hour	\$1.50/hour

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: June 1, 2009. Note: The rate structure has a separate rate for FCC and group home care. License-exempt rates are for unregulated providers, which includes relative, inhome, and informal care. Rates are set at the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey or higher. Differential rates are used for children with special needs and infant care. Geographic area: Rates vary by county. Rates for Minnehaha County are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS								
Licensing Requirements								
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers					
All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	FCC providers exempt from licensing include relatives (e.g., aunt, uncle, grandparent, great-grandparent, and nonresident sibling); and family friends (e.g., nonrelatives) providing care for only the CCDF applicant's children.	Inhome providers who provide care in the applicant's home for only the applicant's children are exempt from licensing.					
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards								
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries						
Centers and group homes are inspected annually; FCC homes are inspected biannually; and exempt providers do not receive unannounced visits.	All providers except relatives are subject to background checks.	Providers must report incidents within 24 hours.						
Exemptions for Relatives:	Some or all relatives are subject to different health and safety requirements than other providers.							
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES								
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status								
Status of Implementation		Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula					
The State is implementing its ELGs. It has developed a manual for trainers that provides 20 hours of training in 10 modules.		Age: 3 to 5 Domains: Social-emotional development, approaches to learning, science, health and physical development, social studies, the arts, language and literacy, and mathematics	K-12 content standards, Head Start Child Outcome Standards, HighScope®, and Creative Curriculum®					
Professional Development System Plan Status								
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials					
Implementing	Yes	Yes	The State has a number of certificates and credentials for early childhood leaders, and infant and toddler and school-age care professionals.					
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)								
No activity reported								

Tennessee

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Tennessee Department of Human Services 400 Deaderick Street Nashville, TN 37243-1403 Phone: 615-313-4770 Web site: http://www.state.tn.us/humanserv/adfam/ccfa.html Administrative rules/policy manual: http://www.tennessee.gov/humanserv/adfam/ccc-pmanual.pdf			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency determines eligibility for Temporary Assistance for needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families, and issues provider payments. The Lead Agency and other nongovernmental agencies help parents find care. The Lead Agency contracts with government and nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,490.00	\$2,966.00	\$2,094.00	60%				
Three	\$4,311.00	\$3,664.00	\$2,587.00	60%				
Four	\$5,132.00	\$4,362.00	\$3,079.00	60%				
SMI year: 2009								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply and does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
\$1.00/week	\$52.00/week	\$91.00/week for two children	July 1, 2009	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child.								

Tennessee

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Top 21 Counties			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$132.00/week	\$100.00/week	\$70.00/week
Toddler	\$115.00/week	\$95.00/week	\$67.00/week
Preschool	\$99.00/week	\$85.00/week	\$60.00/week
School Age	\$75.00/week	\$75.00/week	\$53.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2008. Note: The rate structure includes two separate rates for school-age care. School-age out rates are presented. The rate structure also includes a separate rate for group family homes. License-exempt rates are for unregulated homes. Rates vary by category of care, and some rates are at the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey or higher. Differential rates are used for higher quality. Geographic area: Rates vary by Top 21 Counties (highest average populations and incomes), by the other 74 counties, as well as by tiered quality level. The State's basic rates for the Top 21 Counties are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS			
Licensing Requirements			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
Only programs operated by Boys and Girls Clubs are exempt from licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	Providers caring for four unrelated children are exempt from licensing.	Inhome providers are exempt and will not be paid for more than four children.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards			
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries	
Licensed family, group, and center providers are subject to unannounced visits.	Licensed family, group, and center providers are subject to background checks.	Providers are required to report incidents to parents and keep written records.	

Exemptions for Relatives: Some or all relatives are subject to different health and safety requirements than other providers.

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES			
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status			
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula	
The State is implementing its ELGs by launching an interactive training Web site for child care providers to help them fully understand and implement the standards.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Social-emotional development, human interactions/culture, history, geography, economics, creative arts, self-concept, self-control, cooperation, gross motor, fine motor, movement and coordination, health status and practices, safety, personal and social responsibility, language and literacy, and mathematics	K–12 content standards, Creative Curriculum®, and several others	

Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Plan has been implemented.	Yes	Yes	Tennessee has an Early Childhood Program Administrator Credential.

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
The State is implementing a QRIS. As a result of an overall improvement of rating scores for child care centers, FCC homes, and group homes, the component areas were modified. The licensing compliance component was replaced with Developmental Learning.			

Texas

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Texas Workforce Commission 101 East 15th Street, Room 440T Austin, TX 78778-0001 Phone: 2-1-1 Web site: www.texasworkforce.org			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with each of the State's 28 Local Workforce Development Boards to determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families, provide resource and referral services, issue provider payments, and implement quality activities. Because State law prohibits boards from directly delivering services, CCDF services are implemented through subcontracts. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,534.00	\$3,004.00	\$1,821.00	54%				
Three	\$4,365.00	\$3,710.00	\$2,289.00	55%				
Four	\$5,197.00	\$4,417.00	\$2,756.00	55%				
<u>SMI year:</u> 2010								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
11% of income	11% of income	13% of income for two or more children	October 1, 2009	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per family. The Gulf Coast Workforce Board sliding fee scale is presented. Parent fees may be reduced for families who have seven or more members, children who are school age, or children attending the provider part time. Reductions may be applied for extenuating circumstances. Fees may be increased by 1 percent each year after the first 2 years.								

Texas

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Gulf Coast Board			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$24.72/day	\$20.60/day	\$15.17/day
Toddler	\$21.63/day	\$18.54/day	\$13.19/day
Preschool	\$19.57/day	\$17.51/day	\$11.30/day
School Age	\$18.54/day	\$13.39/day	\$9.42/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2007. Note: The rate structure has rates for four types of care: licensed centers, licensed child care homes (group homes), registered child care homes (FCC homes), and relative care settings. License-exempt rates are for relative care settings. Rates vary by category of care, and some rates are at the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey or higher. Differential rates are used for higher quality. Geographic area: Rates vary by Workforce Development Board. Gulf Coast Board rates are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS						
Licensing Requirements						
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers			
Only facilities licensed as youth day camps and military programs are exempt from licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	FCC homes on a military installation are exempt. FCC providers who are not relatives are exempt from licensing, but must be "listed" to care for subsidized children if local health/safety requirements are met.	Only eligible relatives who are exempt from health and safety requirements can provide inhome care			
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards						
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries				
Licensed facilities receive one unannounced visit per year; registered family homes receive at least one unannounced visit every 3 years.	All are subject to background checks.	Incidents must be reported within 2 days.				
Exemptions for Relatives:	Some or all relatives are subject to different health and safety requirements than other providers.					
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES						
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status						
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula				
The Texas Education Agency is offering research-based training on the revised Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines to agencies that provide technical assistance to school districts.	<u>Age:</u> 3 to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Social-emotional development, language and communication, emergent literacy, reading and writing, mathematics, science, technology, social studies, fine arts, and physical development	K-12 content standards and CIRCLE training				
Professional Development System Plan Status						
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials			
Implementing	Yes	Yes	No activity reported			
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)						
The State has the Texas Rising Star Program (TRSP) certification process for improving the quality of child care services. TRSP-certified providers have agreements with Local Workforce Development Boards to serve subsidized children and have voluntarily met requirements exceeding minimum licensing standards.						

Utah

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Department of Workforce Services 1385 S State Street Salt Lake City, UT 84114 Phone: 801-468-0049 Web site: http://www.jobs.utah.gov/occ Administrative rules/policy manual: http://www.jobs.utah.gov/Infosource/eligibilitymanual/Eligibility_Manual.htm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). It contracts with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies, including universities and community colleges, to determine eligibility for non-TANF families, issue provider payments, help parents find care, and implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,709.00	\$3,153.00	\$2,077.00	56%				
Three	\$4,582.00	\$3,895.00	\$2,566.00	56%				
Four	\$5,455.00	\$4,637.00	\$3,055.00	56%				
<u>SMI year:</u> 2010								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months. TANF families can have a review period of up to 6 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
\$1.00/month	\$218.00/month	\$240.00/month for second child	September 1, 2009	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per family.								

Utah

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Statewide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$564.00/month	\$450.00/month	\$340.00/month
Toddler	\$495.00/month	\$430.00/month	\$304.00/month
Preschool	\$450.00/month	\$420.00/month	\$288.00/month
School Age	\$396.00/month	\$389.00/month	\$276.00/month

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2009. Note: There are three types of license-exempt rates (license-exempt homes, certified homes, and license-exempt centers). Rates for license-exempt homes are provided. The rate structure has two rates for school-age (out school-age and in school-age). Out school-age rates are provided. Rates vary by category of care, and all rates are below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Geographic area: Statewide rates are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS			
Licensing Requirements			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
Not all providers are required to be licensed (e.g., those on Federal property, school-based programs, onsite drop-in facilities, and programs operated by religious institutions).	Not applicable	No license or certificate is required for care in the home of the provider for less than 4 hours per day, or for fewer than five children in the home at one time; for care in the home of the provider on a sporadic basis; or for care provided by a relative.	Care provided in the home of the child is unregulated unless the provider also cares for one or more unrelated children, in which case the provider must obtain a regular child care license or certificate.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards			
Unannounced Visits		Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries
All providers receive one unannounced inspection per year.		All are subject to background checks.	Regulated providers must report incidents within 24 hours and follow up with written reports.

Exemptions for Relatives: All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES			
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status			
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula	
The State is implementing its ELGs, which have been reviewed as part of the Utah State Office of Education's standard processes.	<u>Age:</u> 3 to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Approaches to learning, social-emotional development, language/literacy, mathematics, and physical/health and safety	K–3 content standards	

Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Revising	Yes	Yes	No activity reported

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
No activity reported			

Vermont

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Agency of Human Services Department for Children and Families 103 South Main Street, A Building Waterbury, VT 05671-5500 Phone: 800-649-2642 Web site: http://www.brightfutures.dcf.state.vt.us/			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly issues provider payments and contracts with community-based agencies to determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families and help parents find care. The Lead Agency also contracts with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies, including the Vermont Northern Lights Career Development Center, to implement quality activities. ■ Approximately 78 percent of care is provided through certificates, while the remaining 22 percent is provided through contracts with 27 agencies across the State. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,584.00	\$3,046.00	\$2,957.00	83%				
Three	\$3,584.00	\$3,046.00	\$2,957.00	83%				
Four	\$4,318.00	\$3,670.00	\$3,562.00	83%				
<u>SMI year:</u> 2000								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
No fee	90% of payment rate	90% of payment rate	April 2009	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per child.								

Vermont

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Statewide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$129.22/week	\$129.22/week	\$16.03/day
Toddler	\$128.15/week	\$128.15/week	\$16.03/day
Preschool	\$114.14/week	\$114.14/week	\$13.39/day
School Age	\$111.36/week	\$111.36/week	\$13.39/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2009. Note: Licensed rates are the same for center and FCC homes. License-exempt rates represent the legally exempt rates in Vermont's rate structure. Rates vary by category of care, and all rates are below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for children with special needs and higher quality. Geographic area: Statewide rates are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS						
Licensing Requirements						
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers			
All are subject to licensing.	Not applicable	All are subject to licensing.	All inhome providers are exempt from licensing.			
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards						
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks		Reports of Serious Injuries			
Licensed centers, licensed homes, registered child care homes, and certified legally exempt providers are subject to routine, unannounced licensing visits.	All are subject to background checks.		Incidents must be reported within 2 working days.			
Exemptions for Relatives:	All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.					
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES						
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status						
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains		Alignment With Standards and Curricula			
Vermont continues to provide technical assistance about the ELGs to regulated providers in schools, centers, and home-based settings. The Northern Lights Career Development Ladder incorporates professional development on the ELGs.	<u>Age:</u> 3 to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Approaches to learning, social-emotional development, language, literacy and communication, mathematics, science, creative expression, physical health and development, and social studies		Vermont Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities, Head Start Child Outcome Standards, National Association for the Education of Young Children Accreditation Standards, HighScope®, Creative Curriculum®, and child assessment tools			
Professional Development System Plan Status						
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials			
The State is implementing professional development plans through the Northern Lights Career Development Center.	Yes	Yes	Vermont director credentials and afterschool certificates and credentials have been developed. An infant and toddler credential will be developed after the First Steps document has been finalized.			
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)						
Vermont has developed and implemented a QRIS called STARS (STep Ahead Recognition System). It has grown steadily over the past 4 years, with 30 percent of providers participating.						

Virgin Islands

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Virgin Islands Department of Human Services Knud Hansen Complex, Building A 1303 Hospital Ground St. Thomas, VI 00802 Phone: 340-774-0930, ext. 4181 Web site: http://www.dhs.gov.vi/OCCRS			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families, provides resource and referral services, and issues provider payments. The Lead Agency implements quality activities in coordination with other government and nongovernmental agencies. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$1,856.08	\$1,557.67	Not applicable	Not applicable				
Three	\$2,117.75	\$1,800.09	Not applicable	Not applicable				
Four	\$2,379.42	\$2,022.50	Not applicable	Not applicable				
<u>Note:</u> SMI data are not available for the Territories. Income limits are based on other sources.								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
No fee	\$10.00/week	\$10.00/week	October 1, 2006	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per family.								

Virgin Islands

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Territory-wide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$300.00/month	\$300.00/month	\$300.00/month
Toddler	\$300.00/month	\$300.00/month	\$300.00/month
Preschool	\$300.00/month	\$300.00/month	\$300.00/month
School Age	\$150.00/month	\$150.00/month	\$150.00/month

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2009. Note: Single rate for all categories of care. Rates are set at the 75th percentile of the current MRS or higher. Geographic area: Territory-wide rates are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS					
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers		
No activity reported	No activity reported	No activity reported	No activity reported		
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards					
Unannounced Visits		Background Checks			
All providers receive a minimum of two unannounced visits per year.		All are subject to background checks.			
Exemptions for Relatives:		All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.			
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES					
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status					
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula			
The Lead Agency has developed the Virgin Islands ELGs utilizing expertise from a team of professionals from various government and private community agencies, the local university, and private citizens.	<u>Age:</u> 3 to 5 <u>Domains:</u> Social-emotional development, cognitive development, health, language and literacy, and mathematics	K–12 content standards, Head Start Child Outcome Standards, HighScope®, and Creative Curriculum®			
Professional Development System Plan Status					
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials		
Developing	No activity reported	No activity reported	No activity reported		
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)					
The Lead Agency will plan and implement a QRIS for the Territory using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus funding. The QRIS will serve as a major initiative toward the ultimate goal of enhanced quality early care and education in the Territory.					

Virginia

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Virginia Department of Social Services 801 East Main Street Richmond, VA 23219 Phone: 804-726-7000 Web site: http://www.dss.virginia.gov Administrative rules/policy manual: http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cc/policy_manual.cgi			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with local department of social services (DSS) agencies to determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families. The Lead Agency also contracts with DSS agencies and other government and nongovernmental agencies to assist parents in locating care, issue provider payments, and implement quality activities. ■ The Lead Agency has a Sole Source Agreement with Rural Family Development of the Virginia Council of Churches to expand existing Head Start operations for migrant and seasonal worker families to include child care services. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$4,642.00	\$3,946.00	\$3,036.00	65%				
Three	\$5,734.00	\$4,874.00	\$3,815.00	67%				
Four	\$6,827.00	\$5,803.00	\$4,594.00	67%				
SMI year: 2010								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency does not serve all families who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
2.5% of gross countable income	10.5% of gross countable income	11% for second child	1994	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family. Sliding fee scale varies by locality. The Fairfax County fee scale is presented. There is a minimum fee of \$30.10/month; \$7.00/week.								

Virginia

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Fairfax County/City and Falls Church			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$232.00/week	\$181.00/week	\$153.00/week
Toddler	\$224.00/week	\$175.00/week	\$148.00/week
Preschool	\$191.00/week	\$165.00/week	\$145.00/week
School Age	\$148.00/week	\$133.00/week	\$133.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: September 1, 2004. Note: Rates for center and FCC are for licensed providers (Level 2). License-exempt rates are for unlicensed FCC homes, relatives, and inhome care. The rate structure includes four separate rates for school age. Rates for full-time school-age are presented. Rates vary by category of care, and all rates are below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for children with special needs. Geographic area: Rates vary by region and county. Rates for Fairfax County/City and Falls Church are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS			
Licensing Requirements			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
Not all providers are subject to licensing (e.g., programs operated by public or private schools, religious institutions, and recreational programs).	Not applicable	FCC homes with up to five children, or four children younger than the age of 2, including the provider's own children and any children who reside in the home, are exempt from licensing.	All are exempt from licensing.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards			
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries	
Licensed providers receive two unannounced visits per year.	All are subject to background checks.	Licensed providers must notify parents of the incident on the day it occurs and keep a written record.	
Exemptions for Relatives:	Some or all relatives are subject to different health and safety requirements than other providers.		

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES			
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status			
Status of Implementation		Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula
The State is implementing the Milestones of Child Development.		Age: Birth to 5 Domains: Social-emotional development, approaches to learning, language and literacy, cognition and general knowledge (mathematical concepts and learning about the world), fine arts, and physical development and health	Virginia Department of Education's Foundation Blocks of Early Learning for 4-year-olds, Head Start Child Outcome Standards, higher education courses, and core competencies framework

Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Planning	No activity reported	No activity reported	No activity reported

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
The Virginia Early Childhood Foundation and the Office of Early Childhood Development administer Virginia's Star Quality Initiative in partnership. They share responsibilities for coordination, oversight, and evaluation of the initiative and for staffing the Star Quality Advisory Team.			

Washington

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Department of Early Learning P.O. Box 40970 Olympia, WA 98504-0970 Phone: 866-482-4324 Web site: http://www.del.wa.gov/government/CCDF/			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Through an interagency agreement with the Lead Agency, the Washington Department of Social and Health Services (the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families [TANF] Lead Agency) determines eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. The Lead Agency contracts with child care resource and referral agencies to help parents find care and with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$4,402.00	\$3,741.00	\$2,428.00	55%				
Three	\$5,437.00	\$4,621.00	\$3,052.00	56%				
Four	\$6,473.00	\$5,502.00	\$3,676.00	57%				
SMI year: 2010								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply and maintains a waiting list only for seasonal programs.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
\$15.00 month	\$50.00/month plus 44% of the difference between family income and 137.50% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG)	\$50.00/month plus 44% of the difference between family income and 137.50% of FPIG	April 1, 2009	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	No			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family.								

Washington

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Region 4			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$44.38/day	\$40.04/day	\$2.20/hour
Toddler	\$37.06/day	\$34.81/day	\$2.20/hour
Preschool	\$31.09/day	\$29.33/day	\$2.20/hour
School Age	\$28.00/day	\$28.16/day	\$2.20/hour

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2009. Note: Rates for licensed FCC are for licensed family homes. The rate structure has two toddler rates for licensed family home care. The nonenhanced rate is provided. License-exempt rates are for relative and inhome providers. Rates vary by category of care, and all rates are below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for children with special needs and other circumstances. Geographic area: Rates vary by region. Rates for Region 4 are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS								
Licensing Requirements								
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers					
Not all providers are subject to licensing (e.g., those on Tribal lands, summer camps, and part-time programs).	Not applicable	All are subject to licensing.	The following inhome providers are not subject to licensing: U.S. citizens or legal resident adult siblings living outside children's homes; extended Tribal family members; grandparents, aunts, uncles, great-grandparents, great-aunts, or great-uncles; and nonrelative, adult friends or neighbors in children's homes.					
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards								
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries						
Licensed centers received annual unannounced monitoring visits. FCC home visits occur every 18 months.	All are subject to background checks.	Licensed providers are required to report incidents, but no timeframe is specified.						
Exemptions for Relatives:	All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.							
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES								
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status								
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula						
ELGs are being revised to include culturally and linguistically appropriate companions to the benchmarks. ELG training is reaching the wide range of professionals who work with children across the State.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 3, birth to 5, and 5 years and older <u>Domains:</u> Physical well-being; health and motor development; social-emotional development; approaches toward learning; cognition and general knowledge; and language, literacy, and communications	K-12 content standards, Head Start Child Outcome Standards, and Early Head Start program performance measures						
Professional Development System Plan Status								
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials					
Developing	No activity reported	No activity reported	No activity reported					
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)								
The State will conduct a modified field test of the Seeds to Success QRIS in five communities. It will offer incentives to support professional development and coaching. Communities may test levels of incentives and bonuses as part of the field test.								

West Virginia

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources 350 Capitol Street, Room B-18 Charleston, WV 25301 Phone: 304-558-1885 Web site: http://www.wvchildcare.org Administrative rules/policy manual: http://www.wvdhhr.org/bcf/ece/earlycare/policy.asp			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with child care resource and referral agencies to determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families, assist parents in finding care, and issue provider payments. It also contracts with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies, including the West Virginia Apprenticeship for Child Development Specialist Program, to implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$3,169.00	\$2,693.00	\$1,821.00	58%				
Three	\$3,914.00	\$3,327.00	\$2,289.00	59%				
Four	\$4,660.00	\$3,961.00	\$2,756.00	59%				
SMI year: 2009								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
No fee	\$2.50/day	\$2.50/day for second child	July 1, 2009	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	No			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per child.								

West Virginia

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Statewide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$28.00/day	\$20.00/day	\$7.50/day
Toddler	\$24.00/day	\$20.00/day	\$6.00/day
Preschool	\$23.00/day	\$20.00/day	\$6.00/day
School Age	\$19.00/day	\$16.00/day	\$6.00/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: May 2009. Note: Rates vary by quality level. Rates for base level (Tier 1) are presented. The rate structure includes a separate rate for FCC facilities and FCC homes. Rates for FCC homes are presented. License-exempt rates represent rates for informal/relative child care. The rate structure includes separate rates for inhome care and unlicensed school-age care. Rates vary by category of care, and all rates are below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for children with special needs, higher quality, and nontraditional hour care. Geographic area: Statewide rates are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS			
Licensing Requirements			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
Not all providers are required to be licensed (e.g., school-based programs, summer camps, onsite drop-in programs, and part-time programs).	All are subject to licensing.	All are subject to licensing.	Inhome providers are all exempt from licensing.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards			
Unannounced Visits		Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries
Providers are not subject to unannounced visits.		All are subject to background checks.	Centers must report incidents within 24 hours, and FCC homes and informal providers must report them immediately. All must follow up with written reports.

Exemptions for Relatives: All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES			
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status			
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains		Alignment With Standards and Curricula
The ELGS are a required part of the State Prekindergarten System, and voluntary for other early childhood programs serving children ages 3 through 5.	<u>Age:</u> 3 to 4 <u>Domains:</u> Social-emotional development, the arts, physical health and development, language and literacy, mathematics, and science		K-12 content standards, Head Start Child Outcome Standards, Creative Curriculum®, and state-approved curricula

Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Revising	Yes	Yes	No activity reported

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
The State operates a tiered reimbursement system that offers \$4 extra daily to accredited child care programs and \$2 extra to programs that demonstrate compliance with additional quality standards.			

Wisconsin

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Wisconsin Department of Children and Families 201 East Washington Avenue P.O. Box 8916 Madison, WI 53708-8916 Phone: 608-261-6317, Option 2 Web site: http://DCF.wisconsin.gov/childcare/wishares/default.htm Administrative rules/policy manual: http://DCF.wisconsin.gov/childcare/wishares/manual.htm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly issues provider payments and contracts with child care resource and referral agencies to help parents find care. It contracts with county agencies, Tribes, United Migrant Opportunity Services, Inc., Wisconsin Works agencies (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families [TANF] agencies), and with other government and nongovernmental agencies to determine eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families. The Lead Agency also contracts with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. ■ Care is provided through certificates and contracts. However, contracts are available only under special circumstances for care that is hard to find, including short-term care, care for migrant workers, and other types of care. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$4,027.00	\$3,423.00	\$2,246.00	56%				
Three	\$4,974.00	\$4,228.00	\$2,823.00	57%				
Four	\$5,922.00	\$5,034.00	\$3,399.00	57%				
<u>SMI year:</u> 2008								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
\$6.00/week	\$64.00/week	\$80.00/week for two children in care	February 15, 2009	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note:</u> Parental fee is per family. It increases based on the number of children in care up to a maximum fee for five children.								

Wisconsin

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Milwaukee County			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$232.00/week	\$190.00/week	\$4.07/hour
Toddler	\$200.00/week	\$175.00/week	\$3.75/hour
Preschool	\$180.00/week	\$165.00/week	\$3.54/hour
School Age	\$175.00/week	\$155.00/week	\$3.32/hour

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: February 26, 2006. Note: Center rates represent rates for licensed group homes. License-exempt rates represent rates for regularly certified care (the rate structure includes a separate rate for provisionally certified providers). Rates are set below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Differential rates are used for children with special needs and higher quality. Geographic area: Rates vary by county. Rates for Milwaukee County are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS			
Licensing Requirements			
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers
Not all providers are required to be licensed (e.g., school-based programs; school-age programs that want to participate in CCDF, which must be certified by the county; and programs that provide onsite care and supervision to children of families receiving Wisconsin Works).	Not applicable	Programs that care for three or fewer children younger than age 3 are not required to be licensed.	All are exempt from licensing.

Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards		
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries
Licensed facilities receive one unannounced visit per year.	All are subject to background checks.	Incidents must be reported within 48 hours.

Exemptions for Relatives: All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.

SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES		
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status		
Status of Implementation	Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula
The State is implementing the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (WMELS), which are available in English and Spanish. A training package is available for approved WMELS trainers.	<u>Age:</u> Birth to 3, birth to 5, and 5 years and older <u>Domains:</u> Health and physical development, social-emotional development, language and communication, approaches to learning, and cognition and general knowledge	K-12 content standards, State performance standards, HighScope®, Creative Curriculum®, and New Portage Guide

Professional Development System Plan Status			
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials
Implementing	Yes	Yes	No activity reported

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)			
No activity reported			

Wyoming

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION								
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program					
Wyoming Department of Family Services 2300 Capitol Avenue, Hathaway Building 3rd Floor Cheyenne, WY 82002 Phone: 307-777-5491 Web site: http://dfswapps.state.wy.us Administrative rules/policy manual: http://www.thresholdcomputer.net/dfs/training/			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency determines eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. The Lead Agency contracts with child care resource and referral agencies to help parents find care and with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 					
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED								
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)								
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility					
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI				
Two	\$4,125.00	\$3,506.00	\$3,035.00	74%				
Three	\$5,095.00	\$4,331.00	\$3,815.00	75%				
Four	\$6,066.00	\$5,156.00	\$4,594.00	76%				
SMI year: 2010								
Age Eligibility Criteria								
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may choose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.								
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care					Yes			
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes			
Waiting Lists								
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.								
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization								
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.								
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three								
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees by Provider			
\$0.05/hour	\$0.65/hour	\$1.30/hour for two children	June 1, 2009	All families are required to pay a fee	Yes			
For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child.								

Wyoming

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Statewide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care (FCC)	
Infant	\$27.38/day	\$25.00/day	\$1.75/hour
Toddler	\$27.00/day	\$25.00/day	\$1.75/hour
Preschool	\$24.54/day	\$22.50/day	\$1.75/hour
School Age	\$21.58/day	\$22.00/day	\$1.75/hour

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2007. Note: There are two separate rates for preschool ages; rates for 4- to 5-year-old children are presented. License-exempt rates are for legally exempt providers. Rates are set below the 75th percentile of the current Market Rate Survey. Geographic area: Statewide rates are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS								
Licensing Requirements								
Center-based Providers	Group-home Providers	FCC Providers	Inhome Providers					
Centers that are under the administration of another governmental entity or a Tribal or local school district are exempt from licensing.	Group homes that are under the administration of another governmental entity or a Tribal or local school district are exempt from licensing.	The total number of children in care cannot exceed six, and additional rules are in place (e.g., providers are caring for fewer than three unrelated children unless all of the children are siblings, caring only for relatives, or caring for a child in the child's home are exempt from licensing requirements).	Inhome providers are exempt from licensing.					
Enforcement of Health and Safety Standards								
Unannounced Visits	Background Checks	Reports of Serious Injuries						
Licensed facilities receive one unannounced visit per year.	All are subject to background checks.	Licensed facilities must report incidents within 24 hours.						
Exemptions for Relatives:	All relatives are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers.							
SELECTED QUALITY INITIATIVES								
Early Learning Guidelines (ELG) Status								
Status of Implementation		Age Group and Domains	Alignment With Standards and Curricula					
The Wyoming Department of Education has begun the process of revising the existing ELGs for 3- to 5-year-old children.		Age: 3 to 5 Domains: Social-emotional development, science, physical health and development, approaches to learning, creative arts, language and literacy, and mathematics	K–12 content standards and Head Start Child Outcome Standards					
Professional Development System Plan Status								
Status of Implementation	Link to ELGs	Continuum of Training and Education to Form a Career Path	Credentials					
Revising	Yes	No	Wyoming currently has an Infant and Toddler Director's Credential.					
Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)								
No activity reported								

